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### JUST COWS ?

The cattle were in their places,  
Row after row  
In barn or shed, wherever there was room.  
In stalls made specially for this time—  
The day they would be sold.  
They rested. Some stood, some lay,  
But all were unaware, perhaps  
That this was the day they'd be lost to us;  
That now we'd say goodbye.  
They'd been clipped and washed, feet trimmed,  
Fed well; at least we'd tried.  
All black and white, neat and clean,  
And every one was tied, all sizes,  
Each with a halter of its own  
And a place to be  
Until after today  
Then where would each one be?  
For years we'd kept these great tame beasts  
With temperments and powers differing one by one.  
A man's work lay before our eyes;  
What he with the cows had done.  
Now, today, at the auction block to be sold.  
What price did I hear you say?

Elsie M. Johnson



Mr. Donald Johnson, wife Elsie, and children, Lynn,  
Luther, David, Mark, Scott, and Noel.



## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### THE ANTI-HORSE THIEF SOCIETY OF JOHNSTOWN

According to its constitution the purpose of the Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown was to "afford mutual protection to its members against larcenies of livestock (poultry added later) and to assist each other by the expenditure of time and money to recover the same and to take such measures as may be deemed necessary from time to time to procure the conviction of the thieves."<sup>1</sup>

The Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown was organized about 1879 and was active until the 1930's. This secret society was organized in conformity with and in pursuance of an Act approved April 11, 1861, by the Wisconsin Legislature.

The annual meetings were held on the first Mondays of March at two o'clock and the regular meetings were held the first Mondays in June, September, and December at seven o'clock. All meetings were held with closed doors and no members were at liberty to divulge any of the proceedings, unless the injunction of secrecy was first removed by a vote of the society.

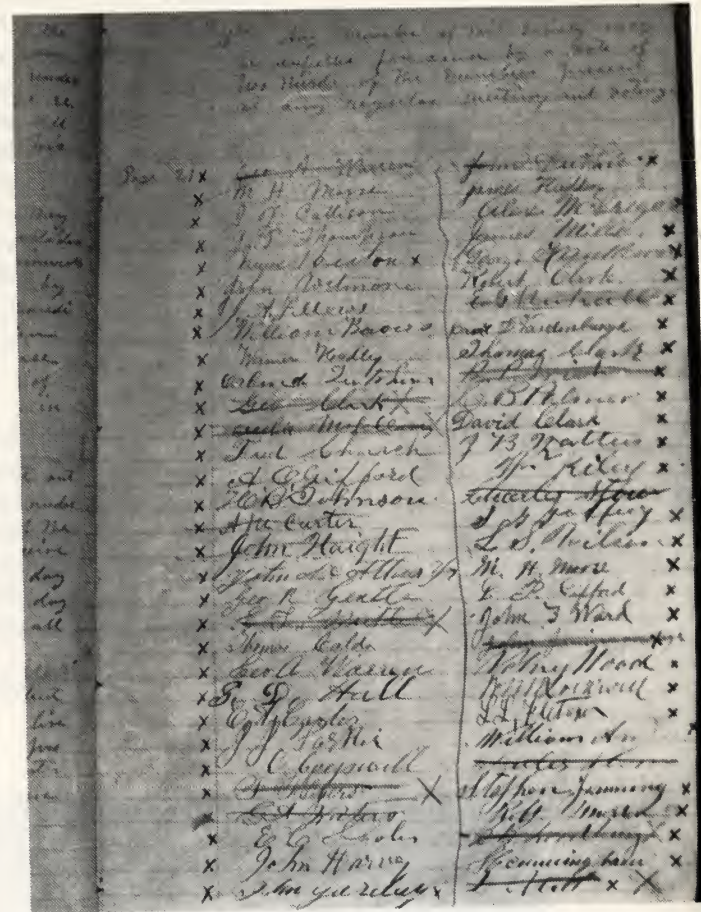
Any person who received the unanimous vote of the membership of the society at any regular meeting could become a member of the society by subscribing to its constitution and paying one dollar. All voting was done by secret ballot. The ballot box which was used by the Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown was donated to the Rock County Historical Society by the John Morton Estate.

The by laws of the Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown provided that the protection of its society extended to its members within a circle whose radii were 14 miles from the place of the meeting. It is evident, therefore, that the membership was not limited to Johnstown township residents.

Officers of the Society included a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, all of whom were elected for one year.

A committee appointed by the president selected five riders each year. The riders had the same power as constables and sheriffs in the arrest of criminals. Each rider was furnished a revolver. R.T. Pember, at the March 1, 1880, meeting, introduced the motion which provided for the purchase of five revolvers. These same revolvers must have been used throughout the history of the society, for later motions to purchase new revolvers failed.

Upon proper notification the riders were to start out immediately in search of the stolen horse and the thieves. In the early days of the organization, each rider received



Signatures of original members of the Society - When a member withdrew from the organization, his name was crossed out.

\$1.00 per day for his services and \$1.50 per day for each team of horses and reimbursement of necessary expenses. When a stolen horse was reported by a member, the president had the power to appoint additional riders, according to the emergency of the case. The president also had the power to telegraph, to get out bills, to offer rewards, and to employ sheriffs if the case required such help.

Two examples of riders' expenses, resulting from pursuit of a stolen horse, taken from the secretary's minutes of the September 3, 1883, meeting are as follows: "An account of J.D. Spickerman, Rider, for time and expenses in search of the horse stolen from Ole Peterson, for \$62.00 was allowed and an order drawn for same. Account of M. H. Morse, Rider, for the same purpose as the above for \$10.00 was allowed."

The first meeting recorded in the secretary's book was dated March 1, 1880, and was held at the Johnson House

<sup>1</sup>The Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown, Secretary's Book, is on file at the office of the Rock County Historical Society. It was donated by the John Morton Estate.



at Johnstown Center. The president was H. B. Johnson, the secretary, A.M. Carter, and the treasurer, John Haight. Other officers were 1st V.P., Andrew Barlass, 2d V.P., Geo. Hanthorne, 3d V.P., G. D. Hall. The riders were Clark B. Palmer, James Hadden, Jr., Wm. Riley, Austin Langley, and E.C. Johnson.

At this March 1, 1880, meeting the secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read approved, so the society must have organized some time before this date. As two pages were left blank at the beginning of the recordings of the minutes of the meetings, it seems reasonable to presume that the organizational meeting was held the previous year.

On several different occasions the society had pamphlets printed stating the constitution and by laws, together with the membership list, which were distributed to its members. None of these pamphlets has been located, but there must be some still in existence.

In 1883 the horse thieves seemed to be very active, for at a regular meeting the society decided to send postal



*The gun used by George Wehler, a rider for the Anti-Horse Thief Society in 1926 and 1928.*

cards to each member with the following message "By resolution at the regular meeting of the Society held September 3, 1883, you are requested to make out and keep on call a good description of all horses owned by you. As many horses are being stolen, it shows that expert thieves are in our midst and we wish to ready for them."

During its existence the Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown had various meeting places. The early meetings were held at the Johnson house, and starting with March, 3, 1900, the meetings were held at the Franklin Hall; from March 7, 1904 until 1917 they were held in the Woodman Hall; then from March 5, 1917, until the society dissolved in 1938 the meetings were held in the present Johnstown Town Hall.



*John Morton with granddaughter, Bonnie Harris*

From 1934 to 1937 the society was inactive. Meetings were called but not held because of lack of a quorum. The last officers of the organization, which were elected at the annual meeting on March 6, 1933, were Pres., H. C. Hugunin; 1st. V.P., L.W. Godfrey; 2d. V.P. W. H. Clark; 3d.V.P., P.H. Morse; Sec., John Morton; Treas., J.T. Clark. Riders were Raymond Clowes, B.B. Keith, Jas. H. Hadden, C.L. Rye, Charles Schmalting.

At the annual meeting held March 1, 1937 all of the officers listed above were reelected with exception of the secretary. At this time Rose Morton was elected secretary to succeed her husband, John Morton, deceased. Also at



*Rose Janette (Walker) Morton*

this 1937 annual meeting it was decided to disorganize the Anti-Horse Thief Society of Johnstown at the next annual meeting on March 7, 1938. An assessment of 25 cents was levied for the purpose of determining how many members there were in the society. The following list of names and addresses was compiled.



Theodore Rye	Avalon	John Clark	Whitewater
Avon Rye	Avalon	L. L. Nickerson	610 Milton Ave., Janesville
Sever Larson	Ruger Ave., Janesville	W. C. Duthie	126 Forest Park Blvd., Janesville
Geo. McLay	Randall Ave.	Otto Wanke	Milton
John Miller		W. B. Morgan	Whitewater
W. J. Hall	636 Monroe St., Janesville	A. P. Peterson	Avalon
John McGown	Clinton	Bert Lloyd	R. I, Janesville
W. L. Wilbur	Avalon	Henry Kemp	R. I Janesville
C. W. Fox	Milton	Chas. Schmaling	Delavan
A.F. Campbell	Delavan	James Delaney	Delavan
Daniel Putman	Avalon	Charles Wehler	Ruger Ave., Janesville
Earl Wetmore	Darien	Fred Wehler	
F. C. Hugunin	101 E. Mil. St., Janesville	Rudolph Lorke	
A. F. Pinnow	Avalon	W. B. Austin	R. I, Janesville
Geo. Crumb	Whitewater	Frank Niskern	Delavan
Dr. C. E. Dike	Whitewater	Geo. W. Hull	Whitewater
Wm. Zuill	114 Forest Park Blvd., Janesville	John Mawhinney	Darien
Arthur Stewart	Delavan	Geo. Mawhinney, Jr.	Avalon
M. J. Wilkins	Darien	W.N. Moore	
J. F. Clark	Avalon	O. B. Hall	Whitewater
Lawrence McKeown	Avalon	J. Jones	RFD Emerald Grove
M. H. Morse	321 E. Mil. St., Janesville	Corl Hill	Whitewater
R. W. Lamb	Janesville	Chas. McKeown	145 S. Garfield Ave., Janesville
A. W. Chamberlain		John Youngclause	Whitewater
Frank Godfrey	Ruger Ave., Janesville	Frank Arnold	636 S. Garfield Ave., Janesville
Will Randall		W. O. McFarlane	103 Forest Park Ave., Janesville
C. L. Rye	Whitewater	John Foreman	Milton Jct.
F. C. Zimmerman	Delavan	Frank Weber	Milton
John McCann	507 S. Bluff, Janesville	John Malone	Whitewater
Fred Hadden	Janesville	Robt. Lyke	
C.G. Hadden	Milton Jct.	Ben Lyke	
W. R. Pember	Janesville	Jas. Caldwell	R. 2, Janesville
James White	Avalon	W. J. Clark	R. 2, Janesville
Wm. Finster		L. W. Godfrey	R. 9, Avalon
Ray Boynton	Beloit	Jas. Hay	R. 3, Delavan Rd., Janesville
Ed Mathews		J. W. McArthur	Avalon
Wm. Mathews	Whitewater	Thomas Cavaney	Delavan
E. H. Ransom	217 S. East St., Janesville	R. J. Harris	Whitewater
Will Florin	Janesville	Will Wutke	Whitewater
Adin Lock	Avalon	Guss Witt	
Jesse Stone	Delavan	Leslie Caldo	R. I, Janesville
R. John Clark	R. I, Janesville	R. W. Taylor	R. 9, Avalon
J. T. Ward	Delavan	Wm. Zanton	Avalon
Mart Joyce	R. I, Janesville	Plin Morse	Avalon
N.M. Mahar	Whitewater	A. J. Barlass	R. I, Janesville
A. C. VanGalder	Avalon	Robt. Bovial	Delavan
T. G. McCartney	Milton	Frank McKillips	R. I, Janesville
Frank Wetmore	1102 S. Vista Ave., Janesville	C. J. McKeown	R. 2, Janesville
M. H. Malone	Whitewater	Myron Scott	R. 3, Janesville
C. W. Oliver		Wm. Rainey	Avalon
Mrs. Della Mitchell	Delavan	Lawrence McKeown, Jr.	R. 9, Avalon
Herman Butke	Avalon	Harry Hugunin	Avalon
C.D. Fitch	871 Glen St., Janesville	Robert McGown	81 S. Fremont St., Janesville
Jas. I. Haight	Whitewater	Emil Odling	Avalon
P. J. McFarlane	Milton	Fred Johnson	Avalon
Will Haight	1322 Milton Ave., Janesville	S. S. Summers	Milton
J. R. Hadden	Route I, Janesville	W. H. Clark	R. I, Janesville
Chas. Hackwell	Clinton	Douglas Wixom	Milton
Emil Lorke	Avalon	Jas. Extrum	Milton



## JOHNSTOWN LODGE



### Lapel Ribbon

Johnstown Lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Johnstown Center, Rock County, on July 21, 1851, and was of considerable importance, owing to the magnitude of its roster until 1867, when, owing to the fact of its numerical strength being weakened by reason of the non-return of many of its members who had gone to fight their country's battles during the war of the rebellion, it was deemed advisable to surrender the charter to the Grand Lodge, which was accordingly done. It was not, however, doomed to perpetual obscurity, for, in March, 1868, it was resurrected and removed to Clinton Junction, meeting for the first time in Mr. W. H. Connell's chambers, under the Noble Grandship of Father C. C. Cheeney, one of the original charter members who had been elected to that office.

It soon regained its old-time prestige, and, ere long, the lodgeroom was found to be too confined in space for the proper illustration of the tenets of Odd-Fellowship as exemplified by the admission and subsequent initiation of members. Accordingly, another move was made to rooms over Mrs. Perkins' milliner shop, but again the growth of the Lodge exceeded the dimensions of the hall, and another move made necessary. This time their furniture was transferred to a room over Mr. J. Snell's store, and remained there five years. But again its abnormal growth compelled a change of base, and, accordingly, Brother H. Pierce exerted his intellect and muscle, a combination of "faculties" which resulted in the transformation of a long bare room into a cozy hall, wherein the members now meet and pass away the dull evenings by interchange of congenial sentiments and the transaction of such business as appertains to the well-being of their society.

After the Lodge had worked one year under the name given above, it was deemed advisable to reconstruct

The Good Templars organization was formed at the Center in 1880. This we learn from the diary of Gregory Hall.

"April 12, 1880

*Tonight Frank, Ulysses, Mary Jane and I joined the Good Templars at the organization of the order at the Centre. I was elected W.C.T. I paid \$2 for us all to join."*

it, and the consent of the Grand Lodge having been applied for and obtained, the name was changed to Pacific Lodge, after the Pacific Railroad, which was constructed about that time.

In the past ten years, the Lodge has granted degrees of membership to over one hundred persons, and since its removal to Clinton has had the sorrow of seeing but one brother go to his "long home." That one was Mr. George Stoller, who was buried under the auspices of the Order.

It has a Camp, a higher branch of the Order; also a Lodge of the Degree of Rebecca for ladies whose husbands have attained to the honor of the scarlet degree.

Within the past few years, the Lodge has run down, until now it numbers but fifty-two members, who, however, possess property valued at over \$300.

The following is a list of its present officers: N. G., C. Low; V. G., A. J. Roberts; Secretary, M. G. Weaver; Permanent Secretary, G. R. Millice; Treasurer, H. Pierce; Trustees: Dr. J. W. Jones, A. W. Shattuck, S. J. Simmons."

P. 654 - "Hist. of R.C. - 1879.

To the

Jamesville Wis., 9/31 1920  
First National Bank of Jamesville Wis.

On May 1st. 1921, pay to the Secretary of the Rock County Farm Bureau, or order, Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for dues in the Rock County Farm Bureau, for the fiscal year starting May 1st, 1921, and charge to my account.

(Sign here)



**CONSTITUTION.**  
BY-LAWS,  
AND  
RULES OF ORDER.

**Johnstown Temple of Honor**

No. 170.

JOHNSTOWN, WISCONSIN.

Janesville, Wis.  
WILSON & TOSLEY, PRINTERS.  
1928

**PREAMBLE.**

We whose names are annexed, desirous of cementing more closely the bonds of brotherhood, advancing the cause of temperance, affording additional aid in sickness and adversity, cultivating feelings of mutual respect, promoting moral and mental improvement among ourselves, and extending our social relations, do agree to associate together and adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws:

**CONSTITUTION.**

**TRUTH, LOVE, PURITY AND FIDELITY.**

**ARTICLE I—Name.**

This Association shall be called JOHNSTOWN TEMPLE OF HONOR, No. 170, Johnstown, Wisconsin, and shall meet for business at least once in every month.

**ARTICLE II—Pledge.**

**SECTION 1.**—We will not make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, or any other alcoholic beverage, whether enumerated or not; but will use all honorable means to prevent their manufacture or use, or the traffic therein; and this pledge we will keep and maintain inviolate till the end of life.

**SEC. 2.** The preceding section shall not be so construed as to interfere with agents of the law in the legitimate discharge of their official duties.

Janesville, Wisconsin

1913  
1912

*on H. J. McLaughlin*

**TO ROCK COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, Dr.**

**For Exchange Service, July 1 to Jan 1 1914**

**FOR MESSAGES ON TOLL LINES.**

**Total**

**Received Payment**

8/30 1913

*R. J. McLaughlin per R. J.*  
For Rock County Telephone Company

**FARMER'S MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF  
THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN**

Mr. Beardsley was the first president and Gregory D. Hall the first secretary. By 1882 the secretary's book of the minutes states that 107 policies were in force and that the company members had decided not to be responsible for damage by fire caused by the use of any threshing machine.

In the year 1914, due to Wisconsin law, it became necessary to consolidate with some other company. Lima being affected in the same way, a meeting was called, and the companies consolidated being then known as the Lima-Johnstown Fire Insurance Co. At this time the secretary's report showed 160 policies in force.

In the year 1970 the company merged again, this time with Sugar Creek.





At a meeting of the Citizens of Johnstown  
held at the Johnson House Johnstown Center  
April the 8th A. D. 1875.

For the purpose of organizing a Town Insurance  
Company;

On Motion Rush Beardsley was chosen as Chairman  
and A. A. Keith was chosen as Secretary;  
And the following Articles of Association  
was signed and By Laws adopted;

Articles of Association

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
Of Johnstown Wis.

We the undersigned citizens of the Town of Johnstown  
do hereby resolve ourselves into a body corporate for the  
mutual protection against loss by fire or lightning, under  
an act authorizing the formation of town insurance  
companies, Chapter 103 General Laws 1872, said company  
shall be known and styled as the Farmers Mutual  
Fire Insurance Company of Johnstown, Rock County  
Wisconsin;

Signed

J. H. Fisher	85.00	Daniel, McKillips	22.00
Dorwell Stone	15.00	Samuel, Bullock	2.00
Charles Bullock	4.00	Wm. Wood	2.00
Collin Smith	4.00	John, B. Mansur	12.00
E. D. Hall	14.00	Rush, Beardsley	5.00
Samuel Hull	2.00	E. C. Skoles	5.00
James Hadden	2.00	John, Harvey	1.00
James Haddenson	2.00	John, Haight	5.00
B. L. Haddbury	15.00	A. A. Keith	6.00
Frank Blunt	5.00	Johns, D. Bennett	2.00
Ruben Dickinson	15.00	Horace Cunningham	2.00
W. C. Ball	2.00	Mathan Drake	2.00
Geo. Warren	2.00	D. M. Bond	5.00
Joseph Fellows	10.00	A. M. Kester	2.00
John Quill	3.00		



## FARM BUREAU

The Rock County Farm Bureau charter was dated April 16, 1919. George Hull, of Johnstown, was its first president. It was the first county farm bureau in the state. (See Autobio. Geo. Hull. Vol. 2)

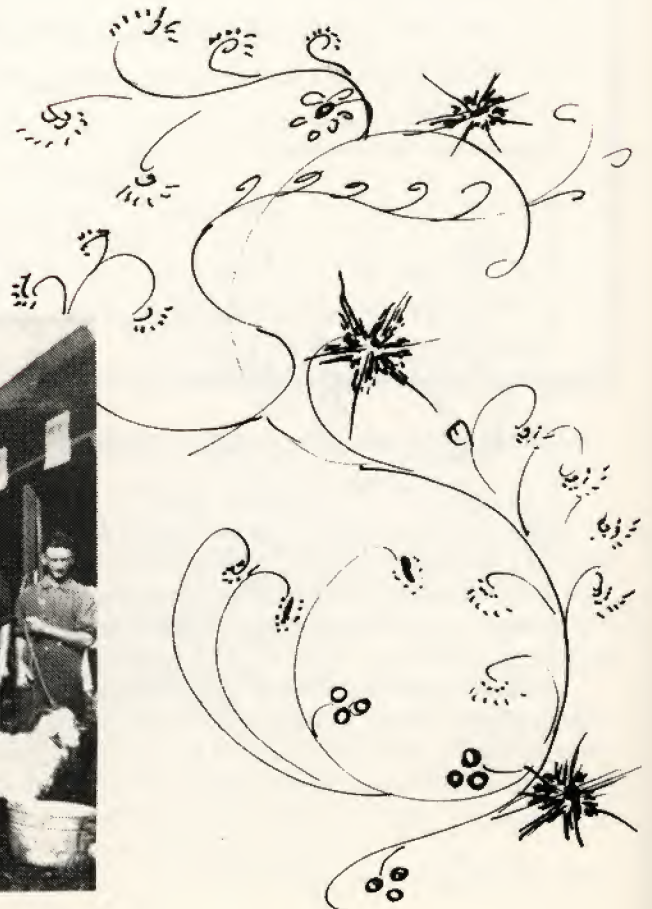
The charter members were: George Hull, Hugh Hemmingway, C.P. Austin, J.F. O'Leary, E.C. Bienash, Henry Natesta, Lloyd Hubbard, Gene Culver, Clarence Franklin, L.E. White, Carles Sarow, J. McCann, Frank Arnold, Henry Weiland. The Rock County Farm Bureau preceded the formation of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation in 1920, (now the largest farm organization in the state.) George Hull was also first president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

Its accomplishments were many. It encouraged farmers to use lime in their fields. Cooperative livestock shipping associations were formed. There was a tobacco pool, a milk pool, and a strong fight to rid the states herds of T.B. They organized a wool co-op and gave \$300.00 for the promotion of corn clubs, the fore-runner of the 4-H club movement. The first Home Deomnstration Agent was paid for by the Farm Bureau women who contributed and sold chickens.

Farm Bureau's most active Johnstown resident today is Maurice Peterson who has been Rock County Farm Bureau director, Farm Supply Service director, and state delegate at the present time. Our own Marjorie Arnold was Farm Bureau Queen.



**AID INJURED NEIGHBOR**—More than 4,000 bushels of corn were picked and put into a crib by neighbors of Joe Roush, Johnstown, in a bee organized under the Farm Bureau "good will" program a few days ago. About 15 farmers donated labor and their machines to the job. Among them were (left to right) Bill Moore, Gus Bettin and Bill Conner with Roush, still on crutches after suffering a broken right leg. Atop the corn are Harold White and Bob Roush. 1962





# JOHNSTOWN 4-H



*"Mother Pulls the Strings" was a play put on by the Johnstown 4-H Club in Feb. 1930. Standing, left to right — Mrs. A. Saunders, Bessie Freeman, Francis Kelly, Ethyl Kumlien. Seated — Marshall Saunders, Elwin Kumlien, Helen Kelly, and Lizzie Brummond.*

As far back as 1915, a corn club and a calf club had been sponsored by the Janesville Gazette. The 4-H club was organized on a county basis in 1917 when four district clubs were begun under local supervision. In 1928, the town supervisor of the Johnstown club was Rev. K. Megchelsen. Each school in the township was visited and club work was explained to the children. J. A. Craig visited the Johnstown schools.

The 4-H Fair and Livestock Association was incorporated in 1930, a depression year. One of the directors of the Association was Ralph Rye. The new Association rented the fair grounds from the Janesville Fair, which was so deep in debt

that it could no longer hold a fair. Plans for the first 4-H Fair in the United States were begun.

In 1835, calves were tested for TB for the first time at 25¢ a head and paid for by the fair association. The grandstand burned down in 1938. Some boys had been playing Indian and started a camp fire in some booths under the seats. It got out of control, the boys ran, and a spectacular fire lit the skys of Janesville. The remaining buildings were then moved to a different site, some of the fair lands were sold as lots; nineteen acres remaining with Mr. Craig, which was rented to the 4H clubs of the county.

L. J. Merriam, of Johnstown served as director of the 4-H Fair in 1950. Marjorie Arnold, of Johnstown, represented Wisconsin at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1968.



# THIRTY-FOUR BOYS IN CALF CONTEST; U.S. INTERESTED

(From Janesville Gazette 1916)

## ENTRY LIST FOR COUNTY STOCKMEN'S DAIRY BREED COMPETITION DOUBLES OVER EXPECTATIONS

With a total of thirty-four entries and with prospects of boosting this number in the next few days to forty at least, the calf raising contest under the auspices of the Rock County Livestock Breeder's Association was opened this week. Country boys have taken up the idea to a much greater extent than ever expected by those in charge of the work. It was at first figured that 15 would be a good number if this many could be secured, but at the present time the entry list doubles that first looked for, and possibilities are that half as many more boys will enter during the course of next week.

The boys have been supplied with uniform record sheets and are to keep their own figures on the cost of production, etc. During the week of the Janesville fair, August 15, 16, 17 and 18, the contest will be brought to a close and suitable awards made to the boys who have raised the best calves. It is expected that Hugh Van Pelt of Waterloo, Ia., editor of Kimball's Dairyman, an eminent authority and judge of dairy cattle breeds, will pass on the stock of the young exhibitors of the country. The fact that Van Pelt has passed on and awarded ribbons to an exhibit is alone sufficient to warrant a good financial return for one's investment, should one care to sell. He bears an enviable reputation as a judge throughout the entire United States. Cattle judged by Van Pelt are always at a premium, for leading stockmen regard him as one of the highest authorities in the business. Secretary Harry O. Nowlan of the fair board has announced that Mr. Van Pelt has also accepted the invitation of the board to judge the dairy cattle exhibit at the fair this fall.

L. A. Markham of the county Y.M.C.A., is field manager of the calf raising contest. He reports eight entries at Clinton, six at Magnolia, eight at Milton Junction, four at Fulton and eight at La Prairie, in what is called the East of Janesville district.

"The boys are striving for cheapness of production; trueness to type such as a true Holstein or a Shorthorn calf, and to determine the cost of raising dairy calves to the age of some purpose," said Mr. Markham. "Their work will be a benefit to the county, the state, and the dairy sections of the country in general. This is the first contest of its type in the United States.

"Until a calf is six months or more of age it is of no use from a dairy viewpoint. The breeder's association and the boys together are striving to the point of determining just what it costs to raise fine dairy herds.

Their purpose is good as can be seen by the interest already taken in the venture by the Federal Bureau of Animal Husbandry. The government is watching the work of the Rock County boys and thus far has offered some valuable advice. We are to send them our records later for the benefit of dairy cattle breeders of the country.

"The bureau has promised to send us a man later to meet the contestants and speak to them at meetings. I do not know exactly when he will be in the city but I will arrange for the meetings when he can get to Rock County.

"The uniform record sheets which the breeder's association has had printed and distributed to the contestants will be kept by the boys and just previous to fair time will be gone over by committees of stockmen in the four districts in which the county has been divided. High honors will be awarded the youth or youths who make the best showing along lines indicated in the contest."

August 1916

## CALF CONTEST HELD IS GREAT SUCCESS

Never before was any contest held in Rock County such a success.

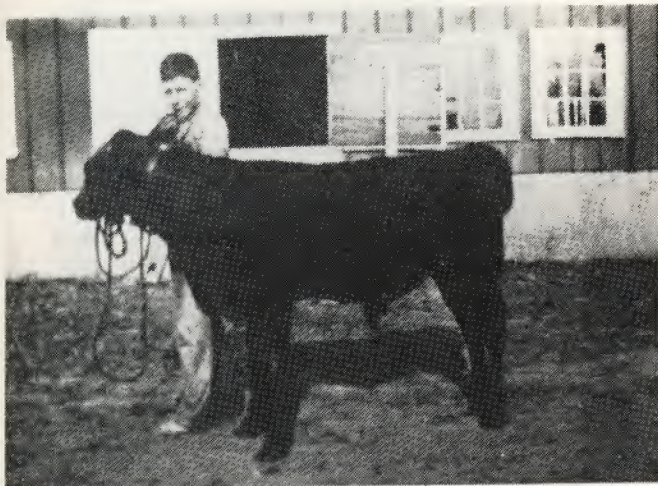
### Winners Announced

Rock county's first annual calf feeding contest held this year was probably the most successful contest ever held in Rock county, or even in the state of Wisconsin. It was conducted under the auspices of the Rock County Livestock Breeder's Association, and they are to be congratulated on the way it turned out. At all stages of the contest the interest of the contestants ran high and at the end there were thirty-six boys and girls who were still in the contest. Only one or two dropped out, and they had reasonable excuses.

Preliminary contests were held in the four districts, Janesville, Milton Junction, Rock Prairie, and Clinton; and the winners competed for honors at the big Janesville fair, which was held two weeks ago. In the following table the different contestants received places in order. The table also shows the gain for the six months, the cost for the same time, and cost per pound. In the final contest at the fair the type of calf was also taken into consideration. Following is the table.

Name of Contestant	Gain in 6 mos.	Cost for 6 mos.	Cost for lb.
George Arnold	512	32.31	.063
Leman Rood	467	24.69	.053
Frank Moore	417	24.06	.058
James Wixom	513	28.57	.056
Lucy Kellogg	317	11.81	.037
Wesley Stoney	320	17.56	.055
George Cary	338	22.65	.067
Elmer Hall	336	17.82	.053
E. Gestland	354	21.66	.061
J. Whinger	365	19.54	.053
Frank Stoney	373	21.83	.058





*George Arnold, Township and County winner, 1st Calf Contest. George is today, probably one of the oldest 4-H boys in Wisconsin, and the United States. There were in these early days a corn club, a calf club and a pig club, some sponsored by the Janesville Daily Gazette, some by the Rock County Farm Bureau, the County Y.M.C.A. as well as the Breeder's Association. Gradually these activities were welded together to form what is today the 4-H Club.*



## ROCK SHORTHORN GROUP



*First Row Kitchell Sayre, Alf Addie, Theodore Rye, Stewart Barlass, Bernard Marquart, Lewis Rye, LaVerne Marquart, J.J. McCann, R.T. Glassco.  
Middle row - Mrs. Alf Addie, Mrs. Robert Traynor, Frank Sayre, Ralph Marquart, Robert Lamb, John McLay, Dan Marquart, Frank Godfrey.  
Back row - John Meyer, Stewart Meyer, Edward Duthie, John D. Little, Ralph Rye, Robert Traynor, George Arnold, Frank Arnold.*

Shorthorn breeders of the county attended the International stock show last week in a body and the above photograph was taken at the show grounds. Others in the city for the day but not in the above photo were Theodore Dickhoff and son, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamb and Fred Hadden. The Beloit Shipping Association sent a delegation of thirty or more, half of them farmers and the rest Beloit business men.

During the evening there was a banquet, when Marquart brothers, Janesville, were presented with a silver cup for the record of Ruth B. Those present were George H. Arnold, Ralph Rye, Theodore Rye, Lewis Rye, LaVerne Marquart, Bernard, D.P. and R.E. Marquart, F. H. Arnold, D.F. Sayre, Fred Hadden, Robert Traynor, and Robert Lamb.

*A news clipping from the collections George Arnold.*

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Representatives of two generations from this Rock county family who took 4-H work under J. A. Craig, Janesville, chatted with the civic and rural farm leader when he was honored at the 4-H fairgrounds at Janesville Sunday. From left are Jack Arnold, 19; his father, George; Craig, and Jack's sister, Eva Mae, 14. More than 1,000 persons honored Craig. —Journal Staff

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## CRAIG FETED AT JANESVILLE

BY

*Lewis C. French of the Journal Staff*

"Farm youth kept me young," said J. A. Craig, 83, when more than a thousand Rock county rural people honored the veteran 4-H club leader Sunday. The site was the Rock County fairgrounds.

It was Craig who saved the Rock County fairgrounds from bankruptcy. After purchasing the property, he turned it over to the county for its youth.

During a career as an industrialist (he was president of the old Janesville Machine Co. and the Sampson Tractor Co.), Craig helped people. His special concern was the neglected rural youth. On retirement from business, instead of getting into the rocking chair and moping, he stepped up his efforts to spur rural youth to greater achievement. There is hardly a farm family in Rock county that does not, in some way, reflect his interest.

## SECOND GENERATION THERE

On Sunday, the parents who as 4-H club graduates became successful farmers brought in their more skilled offspring to do honor to Craig.

For example, George Arnold, who raises Milking Shorthorns near Milton, was one of the first youths to join the Rock County corn club.

Back in 1914, it was quite a feat to grow 90 bushels of corn to the acre. The farmer who could harvest 100 bushels was the marvel of the countryside. Everybody took hold to enlist 35 junior growers. Using open pollinated Golden Glow or the White Silver King, these rural teenagers really grow corn. One county winner hit 130 bushels to the measured acre.

The farmers started learning from youth and never stopped. George Arnold was one of the early county and state winners.

## CONTESTS ENDED BOREDOM

"Those contests ended corn planting and cultivating as a boring chore," he recalled Sunday. His two children Jack, 20, and Eva Mae, 14, are energetic club members right in his wake.

So it was the dozens of parents were at the old Janesville fair grounds to pay simple tribute to "J.A."

Few counties have won more national and state honors. There was the time when Alice and Edith Clark, sisters, set the Holstein world on its ear, raising a pair of calves that no one could beat. Then the Disch youngsters from Evansville, Wayne and Kenny, steady winners at a dozen Chicago International Expositions: Margaret Mohns, of the town of Center, one of the winners in home economics and still a club leader.

The records of that old pioneer corn club show that four of the 1916 winners, Arnold, James Wixom, of Harmony, George Carey of Milton Junction and Elmer Hall of Edgerton, are good farmers and their children are club members.

## COUNTY CLUB PRAISED

Sunday the new generation of Winners were there, including Robert Miller, Harmony, one of the four from Wisconsin who attended the national 4-H club camp at Washington, D.C., where Craig was cited for outstanding leadership.

L.A. Markham, the first Rock County agent, was here Sunday. In general charge of the program was his son, Leroy Markham, an up and coming farmer.

"No county in the nation has so many volunteer leaders spurring a better club program," said Wakelin McNeel, Madison, who after 28 years of club leadership is retiring this month.

"We who were in club work enjoyed it so much we just stayed on and kept enjoying it," said Mrs. Elizabeth Siefker, Beloit, one of the founders of the 5-H club of 4-H graduates who banded together as young married people, with the additional "H" for home.

The farm women told how after the corn and livestock club projects were under way, they took a tip from Craig. Each sold a few chickens and eggs to raise money to hire a home demonstration agent.

At the close of the program, a spruce tree was dedicated at the fair grounds gateway to Craig—a living tribute to the man who accepted any job that would help people.





R. T. GLASSCO

R. T. Glassco. Following are excerpts taken from p. 30 of "History of the Rock County 4-H Fair." These words were written by Mr. Glassco. "In this postscript I would like to express my own appreciation for the privilege of working with the wonderful people of Rock County who have done so much to make it one of the outstanding counties in the United States and who have made so many sacrifices for its boys and girls.

"As the years of this little history unfold, it is apparent that the name of J.A. Craig, who was born in French Creek, Pa., Sept. 1, 1867 appears most prominently in the record. Mr. Craig was an ambitious farm boy who started working as a farm machinery salesman and worked his way up to the presidency of the Janesville Machine Co. He was instrumental in getting General Motors to come to Janesville and was its first general manager. By trading his Machine Company stock for G.M. stock, he became a wealthy man. He devoted much of his life and his resources to the boys and girls of Rock County and to their 4-H clubs and fair. Without his generous assistance time and again, this story would be a very different one.

"In closing this brief history of the 4-H Fair and some extension activities from 1919 to 1952 while I was Rock County Agricultural Agent, I want to congratulate all the dedicated people who made our 4-H Fair the first, the largest and the best. I also want to thank them in helping me in my work with the 4-H members and leaders in Rock County.

"During this period I served as Rock County Agent from July 1, 1919, to December 31, 1951, and as Secretary of the Fair from its organization as a 4-H Fair in 1930 through my retirement as County Agricultural Agent in December 1951. Since retiring, I have been an ex-officio member of the Fair Board and the Chairman of the Parade Committee. I have attended every day of

the 4-H Fair for thirty nine years (and only missed one rainy night).

"During the period I had charge of the 4-H Clubs I attended all of the achievement banquets and gave out all of the Achievement Pins with the help of Home Agents and other people. I am especially proud to have given out approximately 29,304 4-H Achievement Pins to young people who were learning to become better citizens through their 4-H Club work. I have enjoyed every hour of my work with the 4-H boys and girls during these past 50 years and am thankful to have had the opportunity to help lay the groundwork for future generation of Rock County boys and girls to learn how to "MAKE THE BEST BETTER."

April 1969

R. T. Glassco

#### ROLLED COOKIES — 4-H FAIR ENTRY

Miriam McLay, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McLay, Ruger Road, along with 289 girls enrolled in the foods project of Rock County 4-H, is practicing up on cookies and bread she plans to enter in the 4-H Fair opening Aug. 7.

The foods department takes the spotlight each year as more girls enter this division than any other phase of the home economics program. Miss Mae Reese, Rock County Home Agent, stated that there are more than 1,800 entries.

Miriam McLay who ranked fourth in the county on her foods record book, is also whipping up entries for the home furnishings department. She's making bedroom curtains, cafe style, a laundry bag, place mats, and napkins.

Her club, with a membership of 52, has Mrs. James Arnold as the foods leader; Mrs. Paul Goessling, home furnishings leader; Mrs. Ray Morse and Mrs. Russell Ullius as Johnstown Club co-chairmen.

In addition to her 4-H activities, Miriam played the bassoon in the high school band and orchestra for four years. For the past three years she has been the organist at Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church. She succeeded her aunt, Mrs. James Hadden, who coached her organ work.

The 160 acre farm on which Miriam lives with her parents and brother Ivan, who attended the University of Wisconsin last year, was originally owned by A.G. McLay's father, George McLay.

In September, Miriam will be leaving the farm to enter nurses training at Swedish-American Hospital, Rockford.

Here is Miriam's recipe:

1/2 cup butter	1 egg
1 cup white sugar	2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons vanilla	2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt	

Cream butter, add sugar and beat until creamy; add egg and vanilla and beat well. Add sifted ingredients and mix thoroughly. Chill. Roll thin and bake for 18 - 20 minutes at 375 - 400. This recipe may also be used for filled cookies.





Rose Marie Morse



Wynne, Ray, Richard, Harry, Robert,  
Linda and Cindy Morse.

The Ray Morse Family, Ruger Ave. Road, Janesville, has been chosen as a typical family by the Johnstown 4-H Club, (Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Donald Madsen). Both Winnie (Kee Winslow) and Ray are native to Johnstown township and ex 4-H members of the Johnstown Club. Winnie participated in "Foods and Nutrition" and "Clothing" projects in 1929-1930. Ray chose Chickens and Dairy during those years. Their experience as club members has contributed to their successful profession of farming and homemaking. Winnie and Ray were married in 1936 and except for the first few months have since lived on their 160 acre farm nine miles east of Janesville. They maintain a laying flock of 600 hens and this year chose Dekalb Hybrid chickens. They own a Dairy Herd of 45 Holsteins, about one-half of which are purebred. The three Dekalb Hybrid roosters held by Dick, Harry and Robert represent part of the entry of the Morse family at this year's 4-H Fair. The Morses are the most valuable experience as club members lay in their ability to pass on to their children the skill to feed, judge, and show poultry and livestock. They do not feel ten years of age is too young for club membership or that twenty-one too old for teaching and training. They expect all six of their children to get in their full eleven years of club work. Rose Marie 18, (not shown above), has had eight years of Foods and Nutrition and in addition has had Home Grounds Improvement and Dairy and last year qualified for Junior Leadership. Robert has the distinction of bringing the first purebred Holstein into their herd, having been elected by the Rock County Holstein Breeders Association as eligible to purchase a female "Herd Builder" for foundation breeding stock. Robert has also worked on Dairy, Poultry, and Swine 4-H Projects. Richard brought the second "Herd Builder" to the Morse farm and has participated in Dairy, Poultry, and Tractor Maintenance. Harry added the third "Herd Builder" to the milking herd and takes Dairy and Poultry as projects. Cynthia and Linda are potential 4-H Club members, at least they consume their share of the milk produced. The Morses are working together toward a 100% purebred herd, and as incentive to work the father has an agreement with the boys that they may have the pick of the offspring of their registered heifers when they are ready to start a herd of their own. All prize money and ribbons become the personal property of the winners. Ray and Winnie served as 4-H chairmen in 1952. Winnie was Poultry Project Leader for four years. At present Ray is in his fifth year as Dairy Project Leader. The Morse family believe and practice "doing things together." Their diversions outside the home are: soft ball, club projects, church work and television. The parents share with the children in these interests, but also take time for individual interests and social functions in Twosome Fellowship, Men's Club of the Church, Homemakers and Community Club. The Morse family is outstanding in that they work diligently, play whole heartedly and worship reverently together as a loyal family group.

## PROJECTS

Now in its 30th year Johnstown club activities have contributed immeasurably to the stability, community life and general success of farming in this delightful rural area. Today Johnstown has a membership of 32 boys and 37 girls, with 22 youngsters joining the organization during the past year. These youths, all determined to make their minutes count, are responding wholeheartedly to the patient and well planned programming of their leaders. Here again, is a splendid example of what boys and girls can do, and will do, when they are given a challenge to take a given project and follow it through to an acceptable conclusion.

It can also be said of Johnstown that their training and activity aid them in becoming helpful, intelligent members of their family, club and community. As a matter of fact, they go further in their concept of good citizenship by helping other boys and girls in their community to become more useful and more cooperative in their relationships with other youngsters and adults.

For their principal projects Johnstown 4-H'ers are studying dairy, swine, sheep, garden, poultry, foods and nutrition, clothing, home improvement, grounds improvement, electricity, forestry, tractor and handicraft.

As far as 4-H group activity is concerned, the Johnstown quartet won first in the district festival, and the club's own William Zanton won third in the senior speaking contest. Several members gave square dance lessons as a further demonstration of their training.

And, this year's big 4-H Fair will be more significant to the fair visitors because Johnstown members will contribute about 140 departmental exhibits, representing their year's work; two booths on home economics and agriculture and three floats that will be a real credit to the colorful "Parade of Parades."

## "THE EXHIBIT IN 4-H CLUB WORK"

"For when the one great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He writes not if you won or lost  
But how you played the game."

## OFFICERS

Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Madsen  
President, Tom Arnold  
Vice-President, Jerry Peterson  
Secretary, Miriam McLay  
Treasurer, Josephine Madsen

## MEMBERS

Richard Arnold	Karen Larsen	Rose Morse
Caryl Arnold	Lasandra Leonard	Pat Morse
Tom Arnold	Raphael Leonard	Betty Newman
Beverly Bahl	Judy Ann Leonard	Dan Newton
Wallace Arthur Brown	Lin Longman	Jerry Peterson
Norma Helene Brown	Gerald Madsen	Clifford Rivers
Raymond Cook	Josephine Madsen	Kathleen Rivers
Tanna Copeland	Sue Madsen	Dean Ruppnow
Dennis Curecan	Patricia Malone	Barbara Rutherford
Karen Curecan	Mary Malone	Dean Rye
Donald Dorr	Loren Marty	Eleanor Scharino
Suzanne Goessling	Gilbert Mawhinney	Norman Schultz
Evy Jo Goessling	Sylvia Mawhinney	Phyllis Schultz
Judy Ann Hall	Miriam McLay	Sandra Slowey
Gerry Hanthorn	Jean McLay	Erwin Steiner
Marylin Hopland	Victor Miller	Harlon Stone
Arnold Hopland	Jeanne Morgan	Janice Taylor
Elizabeth Kelly	Bruce Morgan	Patricia Totten
Thomas Kelly	Barbara Morse	Larry Totten
Sharon Kersten	Robert Morse	Susan Ullius
Daryl Kersten	Larry Morse	Karl Wickingson
Kathleen Koorndyk	Richard Morse	Jeanne Wickingson
Russell Krueger	Harry Morse	Mary Zanton
		William Zanton

We extend  
good wishes and good luck  
to every boy and girl in our  
great Rock County 4-H Fair





Spotlighted here is Her Highness, Angle Lane Masterpiece Admiral, one of the royalty that makes up the herd of 45 purebred Holsteins owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Arnold, Rte. 1, Avalon. Mr. Arnold also displays a coveted cup, awarded him by the Janesville Daily Gazette for having the Grand Champion of sheep in 1922.

## Johnstown 4-H Club

1957

### Mr. James Arnold . . .

Our honored farmer, today, firmly believes that the popular 4-H slogan, "Learning by Doing," is the basis for the success most former 4-H'ers enjoy in their adult years.

After having spent 10 years actively participating in club work, Mr. Arnold arrived at a determination to raise and grow a topnotch herd of purebred Holstein cattle. As a matter of fact, the Arnolds have raised practically all of their entire herd of 45 head, of which about 25 are milch cows. Mr. Arnold also finds a ready market for any young stock he wishes to sell.

The Arnolds have owned their farm home of 105 acres (all workable) since 1938. Other members of the Arnold family are: Tom, 19; Caryl, 14; Margery Kay, 8. And, everyone is a 4-H'er at heart.

Among Mr. Arnold's other accomplishments in his community are, receiving the 1925 Wisconsin Bankers Assn. award for successful four years of rural work, on 4-H advisory board for four years, Pig, Sheep and Calf Club leader from 1927 to 1937, and is now serving a three-year term on the 4-H Fair, Inc., board of directors. Caryl Jean, the Arnolds' 14-year-old daughter, is currently raising two fine Holstein calves.

**WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE ARNOLD  
FAMILY AND ALL OF THE OTHER  
WONDERFUL 4-H PEOPLE IN ROCK  
COUNTY.**

#### MEMBERS OF JOHNSTOWN 4-H CLUB

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**MRS. DON MORGAN**  
Chairman

**MARY MALONE**  
President

**SYLVIA MAWHINNEY**  
Vice President

**LIN LONGMAN**  
Secretary

**SUSAN ULLIUS**  
Treasurer

Caryl Arnold  
Beverly Bahl  
Linda Blumerick  
Michael Blumerick  
Ray Cook  
Dennis Corcoran  
Karen Corcoran  
Sherry Derr  
Marcia Duoss  
Kenneth Fletcher  
Robert Fletcher  
Gerry Hanthorn  
Bobby Hanthorn  
Jo Anne Hardy  
Edwin Henry

Donna Hunt  
Martha Hunt  
Luther Johnson  
Lynn Johnson  
Daryl Kersten  
Gary Kersten  
Sharon Kersten  
Judy Kosharek  
Harvey Kucaba  
Lin Longman  
Patricia Malone  
Mary Malone  
Larry Marty  
Phillip Marty  
Gary Mawhinney

Gilbert Mawhinney  
Philip Mawhinney  
Sylvia Mawhinney  
Miriam McLay  
Jean McLay  
Janet McQuillen  
Robert McQuillen  
Helen Miller  
Victor Miller  
Bruce Morgan  
Jean Morgan  
Harry Morse  
Robert Morse  
Roger Morse  
Rose Marie Morse

Mary Mussey  
Dan Newton  
Sue Newton  
Dean Rupnow  
Dean Rye  
D. Ed Schultz  
Norman Schultz  
Erwin Steiner  
Harlon Stone  
Ken A. Taylor  
Larry Totten  
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Susan Ullius  
William Zanton



# 25 Years of Progress

...among the Rural Youth of Rock Co.

## JOHNSTOWN



1951

Here is evidence why Rock County has won fame for being the great dairy center of the nation. And the rural youth is making a very substantial contribution to this progress. Here is a prize-winning animal, raised by Jack Arnold, aggressive member of Johnstown 4-H Club. Ray Morse, Johnstown 4-H Club dairy leader and club chairman is shown with Jack and his prize cow.

### PROJECTS

Organized in 1925, Johnstown is today celebrating its Silver Anniversary, along with the 4-H Fair itself. Its membership is made up of 28 outstanding boys and 23 wide-awake girls, who are concerned with an especially large number of major projects, some of which are conservation, handicraft, foods and nutrition, clothing, poultry, and the raising of all farm animals.

During the year, Johnstown had both a play and chorus group at the 4-H contest, receiving blue honors on each. Bill Zanton was selected to sing with the State 4-H Chorus as the delegate from Rock County. In order to have finances to carry on club activities, these 4-H'ers sponsored a card party.

For its representation in this year's fair, Johnstown will add a great deal of color to the departmental exhibits with a substantial number of their own; two booths, one on agriculture and home ec and two floats, with two convertibles beautifully decorated.

### OFFICERS

President, Mirlam McLay;  
Vice President, Josephine Madsen;  
Secretary, Jean McLay;  
Treasurer, Eva Mae Arnold.

### MEMBERS

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Arnold, Eva Mae	Komes, Mary	Robertson, Richard
Arnold, Tom	Longman, Lin	Rupnow, Dean
Arnold, Caryl	Madsen, Gerald	Rye, Dean
Arnold, Richard	Madsen, Josephine	Schultz, Norman
Arnold, Priscilla	Mawhinney, Sylvia	Schultz, Phyllis
Corcoran, Karen	Mawhinney, Gilbert	Slowey, Sally
Corcoran, Dennis	McLay, Jean	Steiner, Erwin
Dorr, Donald	McLay, Mirlam	St. Clair, Richard
Goessling, Suzanne	Morgan, Bruce	Taylor, Janice
Gunderson, Lon Ann	Morse, Rose Marie	Totten, Larry
Hall, Judy	Morse, Dick	Ullius, Susan
Hanthorn, Gerry	Morse, Harry	VanWhye, Rodger
Hohnhost, Edward	Morse, Robert	Zanton, Mary
Kelly, Thomas	Osthoff, Byron	Zanton, William
Kelly, Betty	Peterson, Jerry	Wickingson, Jeanne
Kersten, Daryl	Robertson, Stanley	Wickingson, Karl

### ROCK COUNTY'S 4-H CLUBS





*Johnstown 4-H Club leaders. Standing, left to right - Edith Rye McEllroy, Jim Arnold, Arthur Mclay, Albert Scharine, Ralph Rye, Josephine Johnson. Seated - Wynne Morse, Charlotte Scharine, Mae Godfrey Arnold, Nora Schmaling, Elda Pinnow Hoyt.*



*A picnic gathering held for a foreign student at the George Arnold place.*



Minium  
Glance  
Mehey



Jean Mehey



Ivan  
Mehey



Bob  
Morse





*At the organ, Mrs. Gordon Huber. Back row, left to right - Debbie Slowey, Deanna Tucker, Jane Weberpal, Mrs. Jack Arnold, leader. Front row - Sandra Arnold, Molly Weberpal, Virginia Arnold, Christy Dorr, Sue Wilson. These girls from the Johnstown 4-H Club served the refreshments at a tour of Johnstown held in 1970. Their leader is Mrs. Jack Arnold.*

The year 1954 was the Silver Anniversary of a youth fair in Rock Co. The Anniversary premium book carried the following "Tribute to Leadership" written by Helene Felts ——— "This 25th edition of the 4-H Fair book is dedicated to volunteer leaders who by giving so unselfishly of their time and talents have throughout the years been responsible for making the Rock County 4-H program a renowned one and building the 4-H fair to its place of esteem. Their spirit of enthusiasm and expression of faith in youth coupled with hours and hours of unpaid service is the driving force in helping 4-H'ers become the kind of adults this world needs. May they look with pride on the results of their labors."

Mrs. Helene Felts was Extension Home Economist for Rock County at this time.



*This little Johnstown boy is standing near his mother's soap barrels. She kept her wood ashes in these barrels. When it was time to make soap, water was poured into the tops of the barrels and lye came out the bottom. The lye was an important ingredient in the making of homemade soap.*



## RYE

The first Johnstown Ryes who came to America were from Norway. Lewis Rye was born Dec. 17, 1843 near Bergen, Norway and his bride, Christine, was born near Oslo, Norway, April 12, 1838. The bride and groom took a boat across to the kirk (church) where they were married. Soon there were two children.

It was extremely hard for the family to get ahead, in fact, to even survive, and they eagerly departed for a new land and its opportunities. Ole Rye came to America first and sent back money so that Lewis and his wife, Christine, and their small daughter, Agnes, and son, Christian, could come. The boat trip took six weeks.

In Norway, if the father's name was Christian; the son's last name was Christianson. The farm in Norway went by the name of Rye. Lewis "Christianson," upon arriving in this country, took the last name of Rye while some of his brothers here went by the name of Christianson.

The Lewis Rye family made their home in Richmond, Wis. in June of 1872. Little Christian Rye was already 1½ years old and soon to be displaced as the baby of the family. — He died— She Then became Mrs. Bert Meyers) was born in Norway, March 28, 1869; and Christian, (married Clara Nelson) born in Norway, Dec. 24, 1870 had a new brother, born in Richmond, Nov. 4, 1872. The new baby was named Theodore, (wife, Nell Butts).

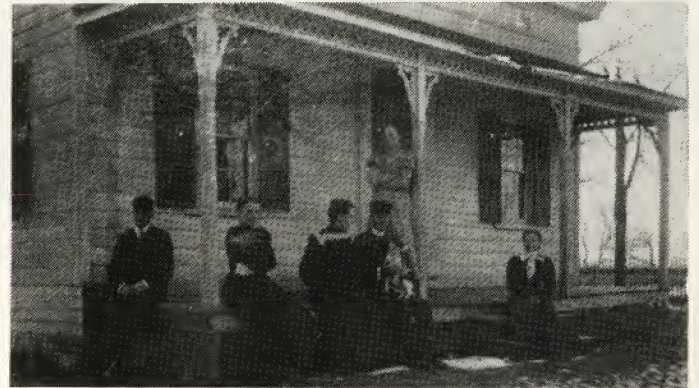
Four more children were born while the family remained on the "Cameron Farm" in Richmond: Mary, (Mrs. Horace Merrill) Sept. 25, 1874; Lena (Mrs. Charles Moss), May 18, 1876; Aven (married to Mabel Winch), Jan. 25, 1878; and Annie (Mrs. Ralph Marquart), Feb. 16, 1880. The children went to the Delaney School in Richmond. By the time the last child was born the Ryes were settled in Johnstown. Lewis bought the Johnstown farm in 1881 from Fred North. Here Carrie (Mrs. Percy Howard) was born on Aug. 6, 1882.

When the Rye children began school, Mother Christine, who up until then had gone out little, being busy with her babies, learned to speak English and spoke only English ever afterwards except upon Sunday morning. Before Christine went to the Congregational Church of Old Johnstown, she would have her own private Norwegian service in her home. In the living room, upon the windowsill next to her rocker, she kept her Norwegian bible and hymnal.. On Sunday morning she could be heard singing the old Norwegian hymns of her childhood, but otherwise, thinking of her little ones, she determinedly became American. She and Lewis continued to take two Norwegian newspapers but in every other respect firmly left their Norwegian heritage behind them in Norway and took up the new life and customs of their neighbors.

Agnes watched the smaller children in the barn while the parents milked the cows. March 28, 1887 Lewis bought more land, the Crumb place. This farm was sold in 1906 to his son Christian. Ralph Rye



*Table that originally belonged to the Fred North family and now in the possession of Miss Grace Rye.*



*Mary, Aven, (standing) Carrie, Lena. The old house was moved back and used as a granary. George Rye lives in the house that was new in 1905.*



*Standing, left to right - Aven, Agnes, Christian, Lena. Seated - Christine, Mary, Lewis, Carrie, Anne, Theodore.*



lives there now. Lewis and Christine bought the Joe Taylor place in 1906 and another son, Aven, lived there. Later on Aven moved into Milton Junction. His only son, Lewis, inherited the farm which was later sold in several parcels, to Don Hunt and Wade brothers.

Christian also bought 50 acres, across from the former Crumb place, from Joe Taylor in 1906.

Upon adjoining farms, Christian and his brother, Theodore, founded one of the finest milking Shorthorn herds. "They were good cattlemen and recognized early in the business that good cattle were the result of sound breeding and planning. These men were also good farmers and planned their work and laid out their farms to produce the necessary feed and pasture for the cattle on which they derived their income. Selling cattle on the hoof and keeping as much fertility in the soil as possible was, and is, their method of soil conservation and profitable operation. Milk has always been a big factor and from substantial Milking Shorthorns a standard 4 percent milk has always been produced and in profitable quantity from a type of animal truly dual purpose that offered the greater salvage value when her usefulness as a breeder and producer was over."<sup>1</sup>

C. L. Rye left his lands and herds with his son, Ralph, and Ralph continued the same method of operation so successful in the past. Ralph teamed up with his cousins, George and Theodore, sons of Theodore, and this trio continued to produce milk and meat with the help of the Milking Shorthorn breed.

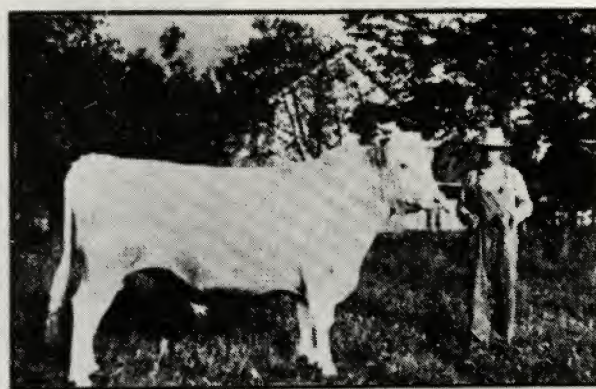
GODFREY-ARNOLD

Nineteen hundred seventy-one finds John G. Arnold (Jack) and his wife Jeanette the fifth generation family to own the 120-acre farm located at the intersection of M and MM, two miles south of Johnstown Center, section 34 Johnstown Township.

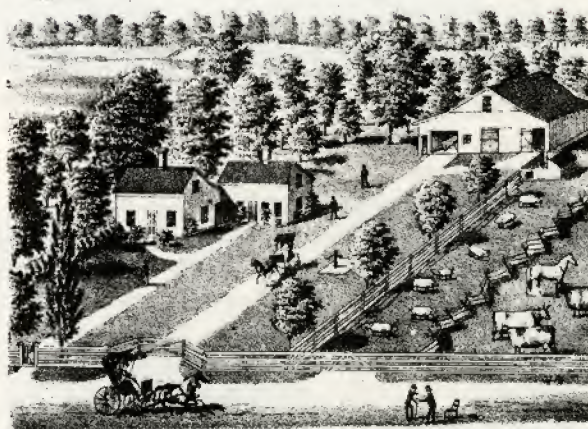
Abraham Teegarden had taken this farm up from the government on August 28, 1844. We know nothing at all of Mr. Teegarden and his farming methods. We think Jack's mechanized farming would be "a lot of new fangled contraptions" to him. Mrs. Teegarden, if there was one, would find Jeanette's modern kitchen with its electrical equipment just beyond her."

Great-Grandfather Thomas Godfrey was born in County Londonderry, Ireland in 1813. He was of Scotch and English decent. He and Elizabeth Jane Simpson were married in 1837 and came to America in 1840. The family stayed two years in Orleans, New York, before coming on to Wisconsin and Rock County, settling at Lima.

Thomas and Elizabeth had five sons and one daughter. James, the youngest son, died as a young boy. Thomas was a farmer and he bought three farms in



**AVON RYE** Owner of  
**OLD ORCHARD STOCK FARM**  
SECTION 24 Breeder of JOHNSTOWN TWP.  
**Pure Bred Short Horned Cattle**  
The above pictured Bull is Head of his Herd



RES. OF WILLIAM RILEY, SEC. 20. JOHNSTOWN TP. ROCK CO. WIS.

Lima township. Sons John, Thomas and David took up farming there. Then he came down to Johnstown and bought a fourth farm, that of Abraham Teegarden, on March 20, 1874. It was here that Samuel took up farming. Thomas and Elizabeth celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1887. They were members of the Lima Presbyterian Church and are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Samuel Galloway Godfrey was born at Berry, Orleans County, New York on September 9, 1842. He was the third child of Thomas and Elizabeth. --Nancy Loudon was born at Magnersalt, Derry County, Ireland, on October 11, 1847. Nancy and her sister Sarah came to America and stayed for a time with their relatives, the McCords, at Lima. Samuel and Nancy met and married January 10, 1871. Three sons were born to them, Franklin Grant, Leslie Webster and Carlyle Monteith. Nancy did

<sup>1</sup>From "Milking Shorthorn Journal," May, 1944 p. 20-21.





*Elizabeth Jane Simpson Godfrey and Thomas Godfrey.*



*Samuel and Nancy Godfrey*



*Frank at top, Leslie and Carl Godfrey*

choose the names for her boys, didn't she? -- Frank married Jennie McGowan, the girl next door, Carlyle went to the state of Kansas as a young man. There he married Alga Stepelton. Later they moved into Colorado where his wife and children still live. --- Samuel and Nancy, sons Frank and Leslie and their wives were all members of The Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church. They are all buried in the Johnstown Center Cemetery.

Samuel (my grandfather) bought the farm from his father February 2, 1882. We have no knowledge of what buildings the farm boasted when Mr. Teegarden vacated but the living quarters always intrigued me. They were still in tact many years later. (In fact until the late 1940's). At that time the rooms of the original home were used as a granary. The walls were not plastered. They still retained some of the several coats of newsprint and lastly the wallpaper in facinating large ornate patterns printed in dull colors that would not show the soil. There was a good-sized center room and on two sides smaller rooms, probably the bedrooms. A trap-door in the floor of the center room was the entrance to an area hollowed out for storing potatoes, rutabagos, etc. for winter use. Many times my sisters (there were four of us) and I played house in these rooms when the then grain bins were empty. --I do not know if the living quarters and the stables for the cows and horses and the mows for hay and fodder were always under one roof but they were when I could first remember. -- It was in this home that my father, Leslie, was born on December 8, 1877. Many times I heard him jokingly say, "I was born in a barn but not in a manger."

Before my Uncle Carl was born my grandfather built the present house. This home was very pretentious compared to the original. In this house three births, three weddings and two deaths have occurred.

In 1903 Rosette Tess came to board with Mrs. Sammy Godfrey. She was to teach the spring term at

the District 11 school. She did not return for the fall term but had promised to sign a "Life Contract to love and to cherish from that day forth." Leslie Godfrey and Rosette Tess were married December 8, 1903. Four daughters were born to them, May, Margaret, Helen and Eva.

My father rented farms for several years, bought the ninety-five acre farm now owned by James Arnold and following Grandfather's death bought the home farm on October 11, 1920. It was from this home that the daughters left to attend high school, attend college, teach, enter nurses training, do office work and eventually marry.

On January 30, 1945 May Godfrey Arnold and her husband, George, bought the farm and our father and mother retired to a home at Johnstown Center. -- George Arnold and May Godfrey had married October 9, 1929. Their children were John Gordon and Eva Mae (now Chase). --- In the years between 1945 and 1963 death claimed our father and mother and sister May. -- Following May's death George sold the farm to their son John Gordon and his wife Jeanette on June 1, 1963.

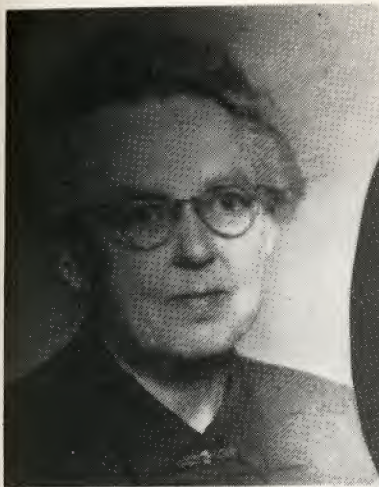
John Gordon Arnold and Jeanette Dampier were married December 10, 1955 and have a fine family, two sons and two daughters -- Leslie, Virginia, Lee and Sandra.

We hope when another Johnstown album is published we can proudly say "This is a sixth generation farm."

Margaret Godfrey Scharine.







*Mrs. Rosette Godfrey*



*Leslie Godfrey*



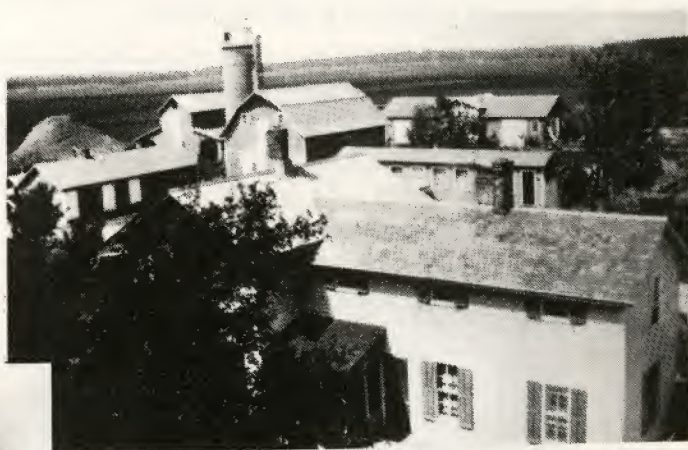
*Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold*



*George Arnold, Eva Mae, wife May Godfrey Arnold and "Jack"*



*Standing, Anne Fanning; seated, Mrs. Sam Godfrey.*



During the hoof and mouth disease scare of 1914, all cattle coming through the Avalon stockyards were quarantined. Mansur, Bert Austin (who had sheep) and Arnold suffered heavy losses. All of the cattle, hogs and sheep were driven into a huge hole back of the sheds, slaughtered, and buried. All the small buildings were completely destroyed. The partitions and floors were taken out of the big barn and also burned. When they were through, there were no buildings left but the shell of the big barn and the house. There was no livestock. The straw a stack in the picture is the approximate location of the animal graveyard. All the sheds and barns now on the property were built after 1915. This property is now owned by Wm. Merriam.



*Virginia, "Jack" Leslie, Sandra, wife Jeanette, and Lee Arnold*





## Sunnyside Stock Farm

F. H. ARNOLD, Proprietor

Shorthorn Cattle (Milk Strain), Duroc-Jersey Hogs,  
White Wyandotte Chickens, Toulouse Geese

OUR MOTTO:

"Secure the Best That Money Can Buy and Then Be Able to Sell That Kind!"  
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

Frank Arnold, from Amsterdam, New York state, wrote a series of diaries, still in the family, beginning on Jan. 1, 1902. The entries for the beginning year reveal the responsibilities and expenses connected with setting up a new household.

- Jan. 9, 1902 - Thursie and I went up to Chismore to look at Earnies colt. Went to town, took dinner with J. M. Melvin, bought my clothes for the 29th, drove Charles horse.
- Jan. 27 - Blackened stoves and helped the folks in the house all day. Will Brown brought out my bed from F. D. Kimballes.
- Jan. 28 - Afternoon went to town, bought out a chair on buggy.
- Jan. 29 - Was married at night to T. Brown. (Thursie Brown)
- Jan. 30 - Washed dishes all the forenoon.
- Jan. 31 - Went to town. Mrs. Arnold had her foot cut open by J. R. Thome, gave Mrs. Edden a box of cake and Rose Socks. Licence was out that morn.
- Feb. 1 - Sent Bessie and uncle a box of cake.
- Feb. 2 - I was house keeper all day. Willie and Johnie Conway sent us a present 2 towles and fruit dish.
- Feb. 4 - Staid at home and sewed carpet rags, made a paring knife for Thursie.
- Feb. 8 - Went to town, bought bedroom suit \$35. Dinning room suit \$19. Mattress \$4.50 Springs \$2.50 Paid Dr. Thome \$2.50 for cutting Thursies foot and bottle medicine for cold.
- Feb. 12 - Went over to Archie McLean's, bought 60 yards carpet for \$15. 11 chairs for \$5. 11 chairs for \$3.50 two stoves complete \$25. Two 20 gal. jars for \$4.00.
- Feb. 13 - Went to town in morn, bought dishes 3 cake tins took silverware down to get marked and clock fixed got set of knives and forks, 2 spoons.
- Feb. 19 - Went to town with Charlie and got boxes to move.
- Feb. 20 - Went to town got load of coal.
- Feb. 21 - I went over to Archies, bought Bed, matt, springs \$8.00 oil can .50 wringer \$1. One small lamp 10 cents pumped water in the afternoon.



Goose flock kept by Thursie Arnold. She owned at times more than 100 geese and sold the feathrs.

- Feb. 24 - Helped wash packed dishes and fruit.
- Feb. 25 - Fair and warm Thursie and I went to town got tin ware for the house. Helped boys load of hay.
- Feb. 26 - Went and saw Lamb Cut carpet and got it ready to send.
- March 1 - Went to town got boiler, bread knife, butcher knife,
- March 2 - Finished packing up rest of goods.  
Cloudy and cold. Moved. Charles brought out a load. Pd. \$3. went back for hens paid Mother \$5.00 for board. No hens died And a great time in general.

Frank and Thursie Brown Arnold had 8 children; George, Alice, James, Eva Mae, Emmett, Forest, Robert, and Elsie. Eva Mae passed away during the flu epidemic of 1918. George and James remain in Johnstown today.

George married May Godfrey and had two children: John and Eva Mae. After his first wife died he married Mae Natzke, a competent artist, (see drawing Scotch Church, Vol. II)

James married Catherine Clark, daughter of Frank Clark of Johnstown. Their children are: Thomas, Caryl Jean, Marjorie Kay.



Jim and Emmett Arnold on the Frank Arnold place on C. T. "A."



## AUSTIN

John Austin, born in 1789, and Rebecca (Williams) Austin of Albany N. Y. were the parents of ten children. They are: Rebecca (widow of Peter Young); John, married Mary Hume; Abagial (widow of Eber Sawyer); David; Mary Jane (wife of Morris Pratt); Thomas H. born June 22, 1830 in New York State; Catherine, (wife of Volney Wood); Eber; Sarah (married George Sharp); and Eliza (who married Gregory Hall).

John, with his son Thomas, visited the west (then Wisconsin) in 1842, prior to settling here. John purchased 1100 acres of land and returned East for his family. The preparations took some time but eventually the Austins arrived in Wisconsin on June 1, 1845 at Milwaukee. Rebecca did not live to enjoy the rewards of this pioneer effort. She died in 1847. John passed away July 31, 1872.

A son, Thomas H. Austin, married Caroline R. Williams, a daughter of Alpheus and Laura (Powell) Williams of Vermont. This marriage produced 11 children. They are: William Henry, Edward, Lester, Laura (wife of George Charlton), Rebecca May deceased; Frank; Grant; Alpheus; Minnie Lillian (Mrs. O'Malley); George; Bert.

The farms of Thomas H. Austin aggregate 2,400 acres of land in Johnstown, Harmony, Milton, and Lima Townships. "He is extensively engaged in buying, selling, feeding, and shipping stock, and is probably more largely interested in this important industry than any man in Rock Co. He has exported cattle to the English market and in the early part of June, 1889, he shipped from Janesville for export 119 head of cattle, which were admitted by all to be the finest shipment of cattle ever sent from this country. In connection with his agricultural pursuits, he cultivates an average of about twenty acres of tobacco annually.

"On his farm may be found 150 head of cattle, 200 head of hogs, and about thirty horses. . . . Mr. Austin. . . has served as a member of the township board of supervisors. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and are held in high respect by their many friends."<sup>1</sup>

George Austin, son of Thomas Austin, married Pearl M. Briggs a daughter of Wesley and Elmira (Schofield) Briggs. One of Mrs. Briggs' brothers, a Schofield, died in Andersonville prison during the Civil War. George and his wife had five children, two of whom, (infant son and daughter), are buried in the Johnstown Center Cemetery. The remaining three are: Margaret (Mrs. T. J. Wilson); Clifford (deceased 1966); and Lillian A. (Mrs. William H. Stead.) Mrs. Stead writes "The United Presbyterian Church was the center of our activity as I grew up."

George Austin owned land in Sections 19-33, Glen T. Austin, married to Fannie Belle McKillips, owned land in Section 28. Walter B. Austin owned land in Sections 15, 20, 29.

Walter B. Austin married Stella Peck and had two daughters. They are: Caroline (Mrs. Robert D. Straus) and Nancy (Mrs. Carlos Perez).

<sup>1</sup>from "Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock Co."



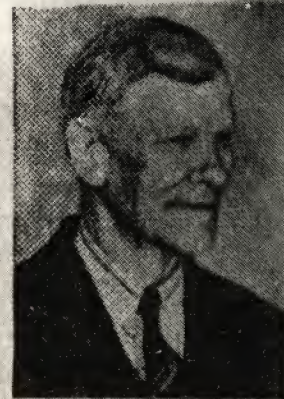
Wood border farm



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(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT)  
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### THE STEER FEEDER OF WOOD BORDER

"And then I buy!" Bert Austin of Rock Prairie, concluded the conversation which had been from first to last, upon his favorite subject, the feeding of cattle for market.

"And then I buy!" might well sum up the life story of not only the owner of Wood Border farm himself, but of his father, whose energy increased the 320 acres to 1,400 during his lifetime, and of his grandfather who, in spite of the fact that he was raising ten children, brought to Wisconsin nearly a century ago, enough money in his pocket to purchase 1,100 acres of land. No Austin, it would seem ever "bought" until the subject had been thoroughly gone over and thereby hangs the success of the best known cattle feeder of Rock Co.

Soon after taking over the home farm of 638 acres the son decided to make "feeding" his main business and the scientific study of how to get the highest daily gain out of the least pounds of feed became his hobby.

While the number of cattle varies, he aims to keep about 500 at a time in summer, dropping to 200 in winter on account of the arrangement of his shed room.

"I am never certain what I am going to feed a bunch of cattle until they are here," he says, "so before I place my order, I get quotations on each feed that I am likely to use."

Besides 300 acres of pasture (divided into 40 and 60 acre lots) which he rotates every third or fourth year, he raises barley, corn and hay, and fills two silos, one 20 by 40 feet, one 16 by 47 feet. "I am a firm believer in a sweet clover pasture for summer and a full silo for winter," he declares.

Mr. Austin is what may be called a short-time feeder, 80 to 120 days being the usual run. As soon as he sees the cattle which are to be his next "feed," he decides upon what rations will give him the quickest and best results. Then he consults his price lists and shifts the ration schedule to fit that.

He had 500 white-face cattle. . . . These steers weighed from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds and he gave them an average of 20 pounds of feed a day. This consisted of 13 pounds of corn,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  pounds of oil meal,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of cottonseed meal, and two pounds of gluten feed.

All of these are cheap this year, especially the gluten feed, which is a by-product of the corn syrup and corn sugar used in malt and soft drinks. This ration is supplemented by three pounds of corn silage and succulent pasture.

In direct contrast, the ration for the bunch before this contained not a kernel of corn, hominy taking its place. Hominy then was \$30 to \$31 a ton and corn was \$40 to \$48 a ton.

"The shorter the feed period the more concentrated the feed should be," says Mr. Austin. The element of time thus enters into the ration formula. Beside the

difference in the number of cattle on feed in the winter, Mr. Austin changes his method of feeding: more silage and hay, bundle corn in place of shelled corn or hominy and less gluten and molasses feed. On this ration he has had the best success of all in winter feeding.

All the wells on Wood Border farm are placed on field lines with tanks on each side of the fence, thus avoiding bother when pastures are changed about. There is seldom any crowding either at the tanks or feeding bunks as they soon learn there will be plenty for all.



#### Information Received from Mrs. Frank (Angela) Wellnitz

Martin Wellnitz married Cecila Linde in West Germany. On their small son's first birthday, March 27, 1883, they got on a boat and sailed away to Canada. The trip was without incident except that baby Frank almost rolled off the boat through the guard rails, an event which frightened his mother a great deal. The family stayed in Canada for a while and then came to work on a farm near Janesville. By 1904, the family was living near Emerald Grove, Wis. There were 11 more children in the years that followed in addition to the one who tried to roll off the boat: Mary (Mrs. Tony Hieder); Martha, (Mrs. Emil Lux); Helen "Lena" (Mrs. August Frei); Rose (Mrs. John Becke); Clara (Mrs. John Geiter); Ben, who married Mary Reisenauer; Anne (Mrs. Joe Langer); John, first wife, Dora Reister, 2nd wife, Margaret Brown; Martin, who married Marie Arentz; George, who married Gertrude Theisman; and Joe, who married Bertha Grasser.

Frank Wellnitz, the first child of Martin and Cecila Wellnitz, met his future wife in Chicago while visiting some relatives there. Young Frank married Angela Schuettner. Her father, Frank Schuettner, (born in 1848) was a miller in Austria, who went from town to town with his knapsack on his back learning his trade. The miller, Frank Schuettner, married Anna Hoetschl and came to America.

Anna Hoetschl was born in 1864 and when she was 11 years old, her father died. This Austrian farm girl hired out to do housework and became a very excellent cook. Her husband, Frank Schuettner, was a widower with two small sons who had been left in the keeping of some relative while Frank went from town to town working at the milling trade. In 1886 they came to America. Anna was the youngest one in her family and the only one to come to America. Anna's mother sadly said, "You'll never see us more," and Anna never did. Later on, Frank returned to Austria and brought back with him the children of his first marriage, two sons to be with his second family in America.



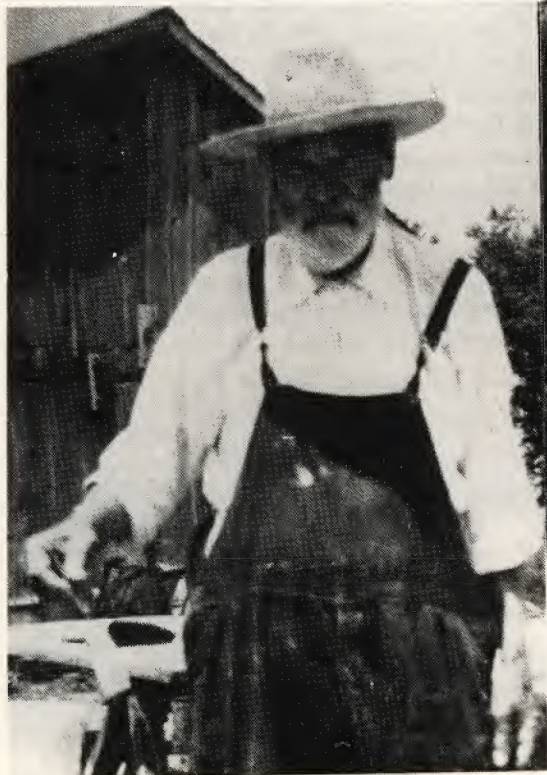
Frank and Anna went first to Minnesota for he was a miller and here his first child, by his second wife, was born, Angela. Frank Schuettner became more adept at his trade, becoming a millright and moved his growing family to Chicago where he ground coal at the foundry supply works known as "Obermeyer". He ground coal all day coming home at night as black as night all over. He sharpened or "dressed" the millstones in the evenings with a chisel. A son, Ferdinand, was born to the couple in Chicago.



Back row, left to right — Marie, Joe, Anna, Frances, Ferdinand, Angela, Albert. Front — Rosie, Angela, Frank Jr., Frank, Elowise.



"The Wellnitz family just about kept the Wehler school going at times," says Mother Angela. Here are: (back row, left to right) Frances, Marie, and Anna Wellnitz; Edna Little; Ida Hadley, teacher. Mid-row—Gladys Little, Vernice Decker, Agnes Schiller, Angela Wellnitz, Doris Payne. Front row — Frank Wellnitz, Allen Bentz, Bob Sowles, Kenneth Decker. Picture taken 1929.



Frank Schuettner, father of Angela Schuettner Wellnitz.



Cecila Linde Wellnitz, mother of Frank Wellnitz.



The house in 1914 when Frank and Angela Wellnitz came to Johnstown.



Tom and Jerry



## LAMB

The baptismal register of the Parish of the Port of Montith, Perthshire, Scotland lists the children of William and Catherine (Drummond)Lamb. They are: Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 1798; John, Nov. 24, 1799; James, June 19, 1801; William, Feb. 29, 1804; Thomas, Jan. 17, 1806; Robert, Dec. 29, 1807; and Janet, Feb. 17, 1809.

The first child, Elizabeth, married Peter Robinson. They came to America by the time their oldest daughter was of marriageable age for she, Mary Robinson, married William Duthie, a well known farmer of Bradford Township on July 5, 1858. The other children of Peter and Elizabeth settled near Sumner, Iowa. Elizabeth was not thought to be the first of her family to sail to America. James is believed to have come first.

How sad it is to gaze upon the fast receding shore,  
And take the last look of the land that you may see  
no more!

To think of all the friends who lately pressed your  
trembling hand,

As you turned, perchance forever, from your own  
dear native land.

So felt I, as I stood, with tear-bedimmed eye.

Until the loved blue Scottish hills had faded into  
sky;

Then turned and sat me down and wept, for now I  
was alone,

And far away from all the friends I had since  
childhood known.

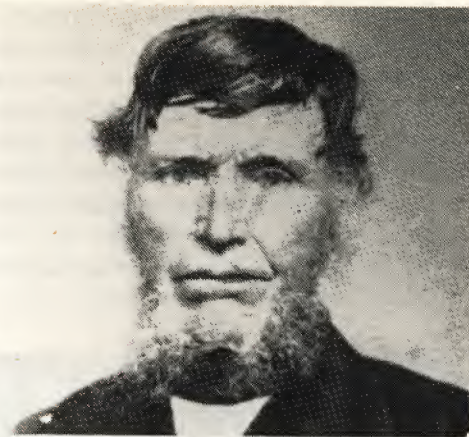
(from a scrapbook kept by Miss Jesse Hamilton, who was born in Arn Prior, Stirlingshire, Scotland on Nov. 8, 1845 and died in Johnstown Township on Feb. 27, 1895.)

James died here and the ownership of his Johnstown lands went to the father in Scotland. William's sixth child, Robert, came to America in 1849 and claimed the family property.

A branch of the family stayed in the New York area for it is reported that a cousin of Robert's named Thomas had a son, who was the architect for the Empire State Building in New York City.

Robert married Anna Risk, who had come to the United States from Stirlingshire, Scotland in 1857. She was born July 24, 1827, married on March 3, 1859 and died May 9, 1893. Robert died Nov. 17, 1890.

Robert and Anna Risk Lamb had three children; William, James, and Robert G. Wallace. Robert G. Wallace Lamb was teased many times as a child because he did not know what his full name was. He did not know what the initial "G" stood for. Many years passed before he found out that it was customary to name the first child baptized in the church after a new minister. And so he was named. A search of the church records revealed that his full name was Robert Gammel Wallace Lamb. The new minister had been the Rev. Robert Gammel Wallace. (See hist. Scotch Church, Vol. 2).



*Uncle John Lamb.*

William's first son, John, came over from Scotland. He was a bachelor and quite bald. He wore a wig. Little William was standing in the stairway above and dropped his ball upon unsuspecting Uncle John and caused the wig to go astray. William was sure he had scalped his Uncle John.

William married Josephine Kemp in 1893 and had three children: Marietta, Charles William, and Ella Josephine. He lived on a farm adjoining the family homestead until he moved to Janesville, Wis. in 1911.

James stayed at home until he was 29 years of age and then settled on a 440 acre farm of his own in Bradford Township where he was a member of the town board and also served as town treasurer.

James leased his lands in 1898 and moved his family to the city of Janesville, Wis. He was married to Ella M. Wixom, and had two sons, Stewart James and Gordon Robert.

The youngest son, Robert G. Wallace Lamb, stayed on the home farm. In Sept. of 1893, he married Anna Hadden, daughter of James and Elizabeth (More) Hadden. The couple had four children: Elizabeth Risk, Robert Hadden, Sarah Janette, and Anna Marion.

Wallace started the purebred business in 1893 with three head of Milking Shorthorn cattle. He and his son, Robert H. (as "R.W. Lamb and Son") were well known among Milking Shorthorn breeders and farmers until the dispersal sale in 1947.

(This information comes to us from Elizabeth (Lamb) Jones, and Marietta Lamb, and "Hist. of Rock Co. 1908.")



*The Lamb home in 1917, The Kosmas Miller family live in the house today.*





*Anna Risk Lamb.*



*Robert Lamb.*



*Janette Reager, Marion Kinatader, Elizabeth Jones, and Robert Lamb; children of (seated) Wallace and Anna Lamb.*

*Anna Hadden Lamb, Robert Hadden, Fred Hadden, Arch Hadden, Sadie Hadden, on July 4, 1938.*



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*Wallace, James, William Lamb.*



## THE RUSSELL STONE FARM

(From Roe To Stone)

The Stone farm (Fire No. 23) located in North Johnstown in Sections 2 and 3, which is presently owned by Russell G. Stone, was purchased from the U.S. Government by William Webb on July 19, 1829. For the next fifty years, after Webb sold the farm, it changed ownership often until George E. Roe purchased it on March 20, 1883. The farm was owned by the Roe family until 1929. Upon the death of George E. Roe, the ownership of the farm went to Orinda Roe, his wife. Orinda Roe sold the farm to George E. Stone on November 30, 1929; and Russell G. Stone, son of George E. Stone, purchased the farm in 1971, after the death of his father.

### George E. Roe Family

GEORGE E. ROE, son of Benjamin Roe and Sarah Beemer Roe, was born in Sussex Co., N.Y., January 25, 1842. He came to Wisconsin in 1870, locating in Whitewater with 50 cents in his pocket, among strangers, in midwinter; but he possessed energy and perseverance, and worked in the vicinity at anything he could do. After eighteen months' residence at Whitewater and Koshkonong, he went South to Texas, and was employed in building the Memphis and El Paso Railroad; afterward he visited New Orleans, St. Louis, Cairo, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Kansas. Returning to Wisconsin in 1872, he married Miss Louisa Hardy, daughter of Ara and Electa Hardy of Lima



*George Stone and Wife at Old Johnstown Store.*

township. Mrs. Roe died within a year, leaving one son, George H., who lived with his grandparents, the Hardys. Mr. Roe married Miss Loretta Sanborn of Richmond April 8, 1876.<sup>1</sup> They had one daughter Grace Roe, who is a retired nurse living in Kansas City, Mo. In 1888 Mr. Roe married Orinda Carey, and they had one daughter, Imogene, now of the state of Washington. Imogene married Dr. Kenton of Lima and they moved to Artesian, S.D. Mrs. Orinda Roe died August 15, 1931, in Artesian, S.D. and is buried in the North Johnstown Cemetery. George E. Roe died February 26, 1899 and is buried on Uppers Corners Cemetery alongside his first two wives.

George H. Roe married Minna Krueger of Fort Atkinson. They had two daughters who are Marguerite (Mrs. Phillip Smith) and Adele (Mrs. Forrest Schultz) both of whom live in Janesville.

### The Stone (Stahnke) Ancestors<sup>2</sup>

AUGUSTUS MATHEW STAHNKE, great grandfather of Russell Stone, was born in 1842 in Feblen, Prussia, to Charles and Charlot Moeris Stahnke at a time when conditions were improving after the collapse of a revolutionary movement. The Stahnke Family had several children (number unknown) and owned land in the rich valley lands of the Elbe River. During Augustus Stahnke's childhood several revolutionary outbreaks occurred and conscription into the military was mandatory by the time he reached his 20's. Augustus came to the U.S. about 1865-6 and migrated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Stories have passed along through the family, which are not confirmed, that Augustus stowed away on a ship and later worked as a ship's cook to obtain passage to America and thereby avoided serving in the Prussian Army.

<sup>1</sup>THE HISTORY OF ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN, (Chicago Western Historical Co., 1879), p. 812.

<sup>2</sup>See the genealogy chart for the Russell G. Stone Family.



*George E. Roe*



It was in Milwaukee that Augustus met and married (1867) Catherin Soholskoski. Catherin was born in 1845 in Saxony, Prussia, and came with her parents, Michael and Mary Soholskoski, to America when she was three or four years old. Her mother, Mary, later remarried and had a son Joseph Saskowski.

After their marriage Catherin and Augustus Stahnke lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Then they came to Johnstown township where they lived in several places--one being the present Weber farm and another was where the Clarence Rice place is today. Stahnke would buy timbered land and sell off the lumber and then move on to another timbered place. They also lived near Lima Center on a farm called the "Tuttle Place." Augustus was a carpenter and did cabinet work. Catherin and Augustus Stahnke were married 24 years when an accident claimed the life of Augustus. He was driving a team of colts on a wagon when he was crossing the railroad tracks in Lima Center and someone called that a train was coming. Instead of continuing to cross the tracks, he attempted to back the young team from the tracks; however, the colts would not back, resulting in the accident with the train in which Stahnke was killed. Catherin, his wife, remained on their farm until her death in 1938 at 92 years of age. They had at least 11 children, some say 13 to 17, and there were seven children at home under the age of ten when the father was killed; so a married son came home to help his mother for a time. This son was August Mathew Stone, grandfather of Russell G. Stone.

AUGUST MATHEW STONE was born in 1871 in Johnstown township. It was he who first changed the family name from the Germanic *Stahnke* to the English



August and Mary Jane Junkine Stone  
December 1890--Wedding picture

version, *Stone*. Stone was attending Milton College when he married Mary Jane Junkine on December 3, 1890.

Mary Jane Junkine was born in Port Glenone, Antrim County, Northern Ireland. Her parents, Rankin and Nancy Piking Junkine, were from Northern Ireland and owned farmland along the Bann River. They had a son and two daughters. Times were not too easy because Ireland had suffered a potato famine and a severe drought so farming was difficult. Friends who lived in the same area as the Junkines had gone to America and sent home good reports of the living conditions. Mary Jane and her brother went to Belfast, Ireland, and took a ship to America, along with two young girls who had relatives living in Wisconsin. Mary Jane came to Wisconsin (Whitewater area) with the girlfriends, but her brother remained in New York and later returned home. He and his other sister moved to Glasgow, Scotland, where they each married; and there are relatives living in that area today. Rankin Junkine died in Ireland in 1903 and his wife, Nancy, went to live with her daughter in Glasgow, where she died in 1936. Mary Jane Junkine worked near Lima Center until her marriage to August Stone when they moved to Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Mary Jane and August Stone had seven children, all of whom married and had children. August Stone farmed in Walworth County and owned and operated a general store in Tibbets, Wisconsin. He lived in Whitewater 22 years, where he worked as a carpenter, blacksmith, and mechanic. In 1947 and six months after his wife had died, August Stone was killed in an accident in Whitewater. They had been married 57 years.

GEORGE EDMUND STONE, Oldest child of August Stone, was born September 3, 1891, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He married May Mary Johnson on August 9, 1915. Stone, who died September 13, 1970, was a farmer all his life around the Whitewater area, except for two years in Illinois. Mrs. Stone lives on her place near Lima Center, where her granddaughter, Alicia, lives with her. George and May Stone had two children who are Kathryn (Mrs. John Pollak) of Elkhorn and Russell George Stone on the home farm.

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### Mesmer Family<sup>3</sup>

GEORGE EDWARD MESMER, grandfather of Joan Mesmer Stone, was born in Franklin, New Hampshire, October 6, 1878. When a young man, he came to Johnstown township where he met and married Mary Elizabeth Forrest on December 21, 1900. Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of Charles Walter Forrest (1855-1892) and Mary Ellen Judkins Forrest, who lived in the Center House in Johnstown Center. George and Mary Elizabeth Mesmer had a son George Walter Mesmer, born March 13, 1904, died December 30, 1969. George *Walter* Mesmer married in March, 1927, Grace Adeline Farnsworth. In March of 1928 they moved to the Will Pember farm, where three of their children were born -- Eunice (1929), Joan (1931), Harley (1932). Mesmers lived on the

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*



Pember farm until March of 1934 when they moved to the Martin Everson farm for one year; then they moved to the Sturtevant farm on the Lima-Johnstown townline. Later the family moved to Rome and Johnson Creek, finally settling in Lake Mills.



*George and Mary Forrest Mesmer  
Married in Johnstown Center, December 31, 1900.*



*George and May Johnson Stone on their 25th  
Wedding Anniversary*



*G. Walter Mesmer and Grace Farnsworth Mesmer with  
children Arthur (1928), Eunice (1929), Joan (1931),  
and Harley (1932). Two children who are not in the  
picture, Arland (Jake) and Marijayne were born after  
the family left Johnstown township, moving to Rome,  
Johnson Creek, and Lake Mills.*

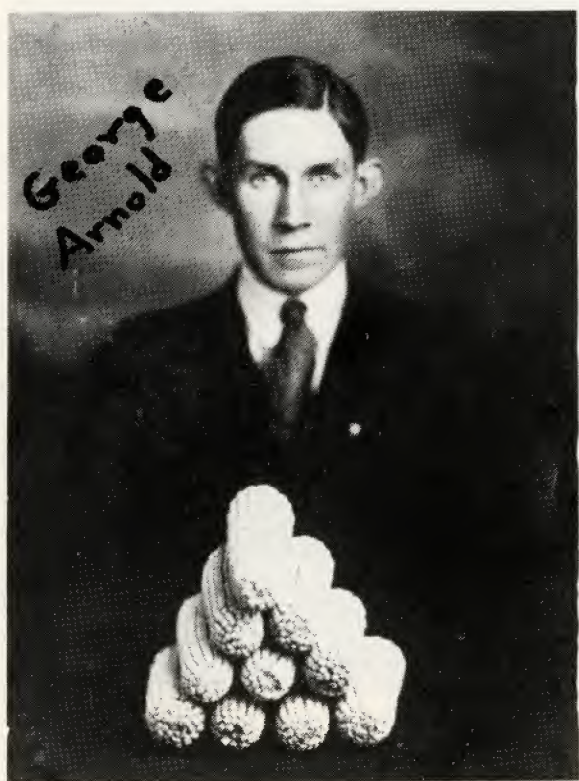


*The Russell G. Stone family*











## AGRICULTURE



*Galbraith Bros.*

## AGRICULTURE

Johnstown township is an excellent place to study a part of the history of agriculture for we are still mainly agricultural today. Here are some of the most fertile lands and finest farms in the state of Wisconsin. Brag? Why not? One of the earliest visitors to Rock Prairie exclaimed "An ocean of waving grass and blooming flowers, the real Cannan—the real Paradise of the World."<sup>1</sup>

Glowing words like these sparked and fired the rush of enthusiastic settlers, who after a number of years of grubbing stumps, hauling rocks, building homes and shelters for stock and fencing the wild places found themselves in real trouble. The market place for their produce, the Eastern states, were too far away; a severe drought brought in insects and plant disease.

Can you remember a day when blooded cattle, sheep, and hogs were not commonplace in Johnstown; when rotating crops, spreading manure, seeding down, and keeping livestock was not considered really necessary; when low prices had so affected the major crop (wheat) that many farmers made desperate efforts to keep their holdings, and in their attempts to keep going, they borrowed again and again against the crop that failed when they needed it most? Can you remember a time when wheat was grown and more wheat; when

wagon load after wagon load went to Milwaukee and the other lake ports; when wheat was legal tender, as good as money, and was taken in exchange for groceries, clothing and other manufactures? Did you know that wheat was planted year after year on the same land until drought, the chinch bug, and the blight (rotting of wheat standing in the field) put a halt to the growing of tremendous quantities of wheat in this area? The blight



*When a man got tired and the horses needed to blow, a container of coffee sure hit the spot. Here are Anna and Marie bringing a tin pail of coffee out to their dad, Frank Wellnitz.*

<sup>1</sup> Hist. of R.C. and Trans. Agric. Soc. & Mech. Ins.



came in 1848. The money lenders of the East were afraid to lend money on real estate in Wisconsin as they thought farming was about to be a failure. The farmers were willing to pay high rates of interest rather than lose their farms entirely, but the money lenders took their money back East with them. Did you know that although some farmers lost their homes by borrowing against the wheat crop, it was really a blessing in disguise because it forced the farmer to take a hard look at his business and seek means to improve his ways before it was entirely too late? You can't recall these desperate days because it happened before you were born, but you have reaped the benefits of those trying times. Here this cry that was published in the Janesville Gazette Nov. 19, 1850.

### FIRST CALL

**"To the farmers of Rock County: The farmers in the several towns are requested to send delegates to meet at the court house in Janesville, on the first Monday of January next, at 11 o'clock, A.M. to make arrangements for their own benefit, by association. All other classes associate—why not the FARMERS? Farmers awake to your interests!**

**signed Wm. F. Tompkins  
J.P. Wheeler**

**Janesville, Nov. 19th, 1850**

Keeping in mind the old adage the "God helps those that help themselves," the farmers of Rock county who attended that meeting on Jan. 6, 1851 proceeded to organize an agricultural society. A committee was appointed to (of which A.M. Carter was the member from Johnstown) to draft a constitution. Due to the urgent emergency of the times, the meeting was recessed to meet again in an hour, and in that hour, the committee brought forth their constitution which was unanimously adopted. The name of the organization was to be "The Rock County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute." Their purpose was to encourage agriculture and the waves generated by this society washed over Wisconsin's agriculture as surely as those of Lake Michigan wash its shores.

The meeting then proceeded to nominate officers. A director was nominated from each township and one from the city of Janesville. John A. Fletcher was the director from Johnstown. They decided to publish the constitution of the society, solicit subscriptions (\$1.00 per year), inform and get the encouragement of their elected political officials. The date for the next meeting was set for Feb. 3 and then they adjourned.

Now you see it begun, the origin of agriculture as you know it today. Can't you see the men standing at the blacksmith shop, the general store, the holstery and talking just like men talk today, gesturing and cussing a little over the sorry state of affairs in this state.

At the Feb. meeting, a committee was appointed to draft the by-laws. When the society met in March, the by-laws were ready. The Society voted to have an annual fair "for the exhibition and Sale or Exchange of Farm stock, Field crops, Garden products—products of the Domestic arts, Agricultural implements, and the products of the Mechanic arts generally." <sup>1</sup>

They voted to have a meeting once each quarter of the year and an essay was to be prepared and read by some member of the society. These were no bombastic speech makers but merely one farmer earnestly trying to help another farmer by giving away the secrets that enabled him to continue farming while others were failing. In these times there were few farm magazines, government programs, feed mills and chemical companies dispensing agricultural information far and wide. Communications were still in their infancy. Americans were just beginning to seek out the far west, string the telegraph, and build railroads.

At least 5,000 persons turned out to view the first fair on Oct. 2, 1851, held at Janesville. The president J.P. Wheeler, Esq., gave the first address and emphasized these points.

"The object of this society is to encourage agriculture and the mechanic arts. . . We ought to make a strong effort to produce and bring into the market articles of the first quality in point of usefulness and durability. We ought to fix a dark stigma upon the man who gets a smart name by mixing or adulterating the products of the soil, or by cheating in breadstuffs or provisions of any kind. . . Good economy and good farming teach the consumption of hay, straws, coarse grain, and roots . . . The home consumption of crops makes a rich farm and good living, of course . . . If Vermont can raise wool and make money, we can make money by raising wool . . . We will give all reasonable encouragement to home products and home manufacturers. The best men that ever lived were dressed in homespun. . .



*Picking up potatoes.*

<sup>1</sup>p. 199 "Hist. of Rock Co. and Trans. of the R.C. Agric. Soc. & Mech. Ins."



Books of science should be written in plain English calculated to meet the wants of the American farmer and mechanic . . . The statute books of this land should be so framed that every man that reads, may understand. . . We ought to place high on the list the cultivation of the mind of the rising generation, male and female. . . We ought to have associations in every town in the county to meet once a month to read essays and to hold public discussions upon subjects of interest to the farmer and mechanic. Meetings of this description could not fail to be useful.”<sup>1</sup>

#### The First Fair Winners From Johnstown

J.A. Fletcher won 3d premium on a Bay mare; P.D. Wemple won 1st on a one year old colt, 2nd on a two year old colt; F.B. Cook won 2nd premium on native bulls and Wm Galbraith won 1st premium on native milch cow. Noah Newell was one of three judges for sheep. John Fletcher won 2nd premium on his Merino buck sheep. F.S. Eldred was one of three judges of dairies and dairy products and won a well deserved first on his cheese .

John Fletcher was asked to prepare an essay on sheep husbandry and wool growing. This was read before the society Sept. 4, 1854. F.S. Eldred was still winning first on his cheeses by 1854 and was asked to give a talk on dairying. (See Vol. 1 p. 61).

The agricultural society worked very hard and its efforts began to bear fruit. Notice the tone of optimism in the president's address given at the annual fair held in 1853.

“A year ago we had no more access to the world at large than we had ever here enjoyed. Our marketing was done in the old style, of drawing away our farm products over rough roads to some lake port, or selling them at home for such prices as buyers were pleased to give; the proceeds of sale to the farmer, after deducting expenses, being in either case, scarcely enough to keep body and soul together. Our supplies were obtained through the same tedious process, and cost us too much to be used with profusion . . . The question for us, farmers of Wisconsin—farmers of Rock County in particular—to settle is, what course shall we pursue to avail ourselves of the advantages of the anticipated “good time coming” when our railroads and other improvements are completed? We answer, get *ready* for *good times* have plenty to *sell*. Again we say, get ready for *good times*; for times have been so bad heretofore, that we are altogether unprepared for *good* ones. . . improve the blood of all as much and as fast as circumstances will permit. . . We must have more fencing — more pains taken to procure good seed—better fixtures for feeding hogs, sheep, and cattle. . And finally, we need good teams, good tools, good men, and a reasonable amount of resolution, and then GO AHEAD.”

Hon. J.F. Willard, Pres.

Col. Z. Burdick was the president of the agricultural society in 1855 and gave the speech at the fair.

“Two years ago, upon this ground, we were told by our much esteemed late president, Hon. J.F. Willard, that a good time was coming and that we must prepare ourselves for it. To me and I have no doubt, to all of you, it is a matter of serious congratulation—a matter of gratitude to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift, and from whom all blessings flow, that we can look that gentleman in the face today, and from the same spot where he then stood, we can announce to the people, that that good time has already come. We are enjoying it today whether prepared or unprepared.”<sup>1</sup>



Drilling a well. Dec. 31, 1936. Shown are Loren Mooney, Clark Fredendall, and Frank J. Wellnitz.

#### ESSAY ON SHEEP—HUSBANDRY AND WOOL—GROWING

By J. A. Fletcher, Esq.

Read before the Rock County Agricultural Society and Mechanics' Institute, September 4th, 1854.

“Sheep-Husbandry and Wool-Growing, which the Society has assigned to me as the subject of an essay, is a business that has engaged my thoughts and hands far more than the writing of essays; and it is much easier for such an one to exhibit the subject practically, than to place his views and practice on paper.

<sup>1</sup> p. 203-208 “Hist. of R.C., & Trans. Agric. Soc. & Mech. Ins.”

<sup>1</sup> Hist. R.C. & Trans. Agric. Soc. & Mech. Ins.



However, I will attempt a few thoughts, as drawn from my own experience and observation in the management of Sheep.

"I will commence with the Fall treatment. The lambs should be drawn from the flock about the first of September, and turned into the corn field, where they will do no injury, and will find much good feed; or into good tame pasture, and should be kept separate from the main flock during the fall and winter, that they may receive a little extra care and attention. If the sheep are pastured upon the natural grass of the prairie, they should not be permitted to remain too late in the season, as in the month of September the prairie grass becomes hard and loses its nourishment, and before one is aware, the flock is becoming poor at the very time when it should be putting on flesh for the winter.

"After the first of August, if the weather is dry and warm, it is absolutely necessary that the sheep should have access to water; and if it be neglected, there will be a great falling off in flesh, and probably in numbers, and especially among the lambs; whereas, if their walk is tame pasture, and fresh, they will thrive well without water.

"Winter Treatment.—If the flock consists of several hundred, they should be divided into lots of from one to two hundred; and by all means they should have a shelter and a dry bed, that they may be protected from our cold autumnal rains. I consider it one of the most important items in Sheep Husbandry to keep the flock warm and dry. Grain should be fed to sheep during this season, which, in my opinion, will pay two-fold. Grain feeding should commence early, and be continued regularly. All kinds are good. Sheep should be foddered three times, at regular intervals, each day, and should have grain or roots after the first feeding. And they should be fed at night sufficiently early to finish their hay and retire to their sheds before night sets in. To obtain heavy fleeces, the sheep must be kept in good order, as the wool from poor sheep will always be deficient both in quantity and in quality. Sheep should be furnished, once a week in winter, with salt mixed with ashes. They will do well upon wild hay, if cut in season and cured well. I think they should be kept in a yard and watered at least once a day. Ewes with lamb should be kept by themselves; and in the month of March their grain should be increased, that they may be in good order and strong when they shall drop their lambs. With this course of treatment, it will seldom be necessary to set up late, or to get up in the night to feed young lambs. The bucks should be allowed to run with the ewes as early as the first, or the tenth, of November, and should be put up nights. One buck well fed will answer for fifty ewes. Sheep should always be fed in racks or boxes. The latter are cheapest and best. The flock should be tagged before they are turned to grass; and should be washed about the first of June, or as soon as the water becomes sufficiently warm and the weather settled, and then be allowed to run from

eight to twelve days, according to the weather, that the oil or yolk may again appear in the wool. Great pains should be taken to keep them from the prairie dust, which gives the wool a bad appearance. Lambs should be castrated and their tails shortened when from one to two weeks old, instead of deferring that operation until shearing, as is the usual practice. After shearing, the whole flock, old and young, should be dipped in a decoction of tobacco, using about ten pounds to one hundred sheep. If the flock is healthy, once is sufficient. If affected with the scab, which is so common, repeat the operation in the course of two or three weeks, and a perfect cure will probably be effected. Then tar their noses to defend them from the fly, which occasions the grub, and mark them, and they are ready for the pasture. If your flock is large, so that you can afford to employ a shepherd, well. If not, several farmers may put their flocks together, and engage a shepherd to take them to the uncultivated prairie, if it be at a distance of ten, twenty, or even thirty miles, where may be found a favorable range. By this method a man may keep a large flock, though he own but a small farm, as it leaves the whole farm for cultivation and for meadow; and he can grow wool at a handsome profit, even at present prices, and especially if he be careful to procure good, heavy fleeced bucks. And, by the way, I have a few yet on hand. And by taking this course, wool can be grown here at less cost, and hence with greater profits than in the older states.

"So, friend Wool-growers, let us not despair, but look well to our flocks, and we shall yet reap our reward."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> p. 336 - "Hist. of R.C. & Trans. Agric. Soc. & Mech. Ins."



Marie Wellnitz feeding her calf.





*Arthur McLay using a disk in section 32.*



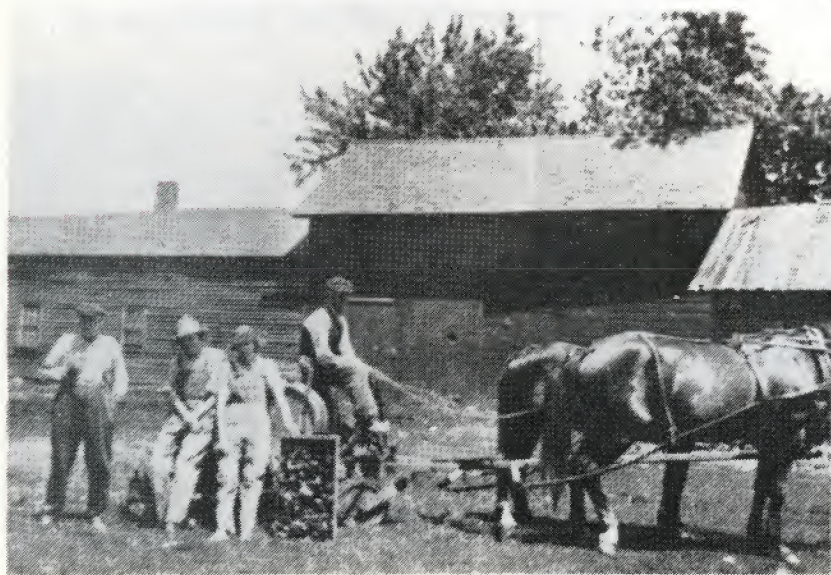
*Gathering in the crop. The stalks are cut and 'spudded' onto a lath. This is Angela Wellnitz.*



*At one time a great deal of tobacco was raised in the township. The tobacco plants are grown from seed in flats just as your garden petunias are today. All the plants had to be transplanted into the field and here we see Marie and Anna Wellnitz setting tobacco plants.*



*Ludwig Carr Kumlien with tobacco which has been 'spudded.'*



*Andrew Peterson with daughters, Marion and Ruth, and their tobacco setter.*



*The tobacco is carried from the field to the drying shed upon this wagon.*





*"What fun it was to ride the load into the barnyard," says Jack Arnold and Eva Mae, who is driving.*



*After the tobacco was harvested, they put in alfalfa. Here is a field all in "Cocks."*

*Maying Time*



*Miles Malone and Henry Kemmett loading the hay rack by hand.*



*A dump rake leaves the hay in piles. Shown is Kirkland McLay with an experiental model of the Samson Iron Horse tractor.*



*The hay loader was popular on the Fred Wehler farm.*





*The hay fork was run by a series of pulleys up into the barn with its load of hay. Shown is John McLay in 1903.*



*Jim Arnold*



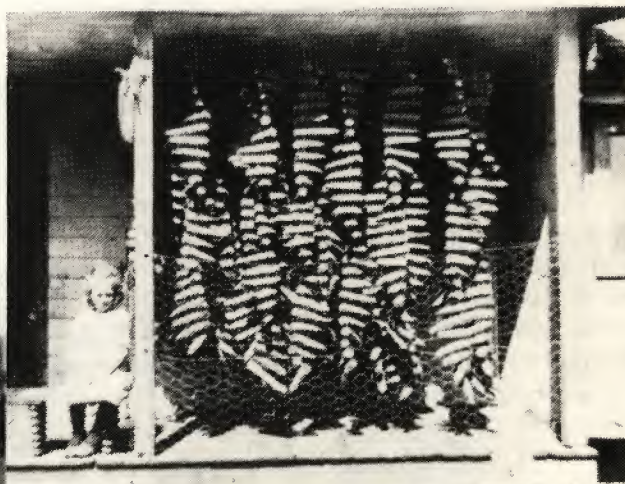
*This man's name is Pete. He worked at Arngibbon and is shown here upon the box of a wagon used to haul ear corn.*



*There is  
lots of corn  
in Johnstown*



*Sept. 24, 1936 filling silo with corn that had been bundled into shocks.*



*Drying seed corn on the Frank Wellnitz place.*



## CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

College of Ag.		Ag. Extension
of the U. of Wis.		Work
U. S. Dept of Ag.	IN	Co. Agricultural
Co. Board of		Representative
Sup. Co-operating		Work

## AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

State of Wisconsin

Dear Contract Signer:

The following word in regard to excess hogs has just been received from Washington. This statement refers only to those who have hogs in excess of their permitted production. If you are one of those, please get in touch with the County office as soon as possible. Arrangements have been made with the Rock County Poor Farm to collect all excess hogs. Please let us know at once.

The following is the order that has just been received. Your permitted production is in the statement just below.

Hogs for sale -----59

Slaughter hogs----- 1

Total permitted-----60

"Any hogs a 1935 corn-hog contract signer may have produced in 1935 in excess of the production permitted under the terms of the contract to which he is a party must be disposed of on or before November 30, 1935, in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of Agriculture, if the corn-hog contract to which such producer is a party is to be considered as having been complied with in full.

"As outlined in C.H. - 108e, the Secretary of Agriculture has directed that a contract signer may dispose of excess pigs by giving them to one of the following organizations: (1) Federal Emergency Relief Administration (2) County Poor Farm, (3) Red Cross, or (4) Salvation Army. The Secretary has not authorized contract signers to dispose of excess pigs on the farm. When the field supervisor visits the farm soon after November 30 to make the final check of compliance, any excess pigs disposed of on the farm after receipt of this notice that were suitable for human consumption or further feeding will be included in such producer's 1935 production, regardless of the disposition that may have been made of the carcasses.

"When the final check of compliance is made, hog production will be checked as of November 30, and any pigs produced from 1935 litters owned by the contract signer when farrowed will be counted in the contract signer's production for 1935 and the compliance certificate completed on that basis. If there are excess pigs on hand December 1, 1935, the contract pertaining thereto must not be certified as having been complied with in full, regardless of the disposition that may be made of such excess pigs after the termination of the contract year on November 30. In order to avoid non-compliance it is necessary, therefore, that the contract

signer make an accurate count of his hogs and dispose of any excess hogs in an authorized manner by November 30."

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that 45 cents a bushel will be loaned to the farmers who cooperate in the Corn-Hog Control Program. We understand that the rate of interest will be 4%, and the loan will be available December 1st.

We are ready now to seal cribs. The county committee consists of: Frank McKearn, Beloit; Robert Snyder, Clinton; P. O. Anderson, Edgerton.

M.S. Kellogg is the sealer. Get in touch with one of these men, or notify me when you want your corn crib sealed.

Yours truly,

R. T. Glassco  
County Agent

RTG:MD



*A flock of Canadian Geese are kept by Stuart Shadel upon the Kosmos Miller place, C. T. "MM", Johnstown.*



E-SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1948.



George Arnold, M.  
Ralph Durham, M.  
Grant Butler, M.  
Johnstown farmer, M.  
University of Wisconsin, M.  
Country Caller show every W.C.L.O. With Grant Butler, they will  
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of in-bred and out-bred boars in the breeding of pigs and the  
value of the sow testing program.

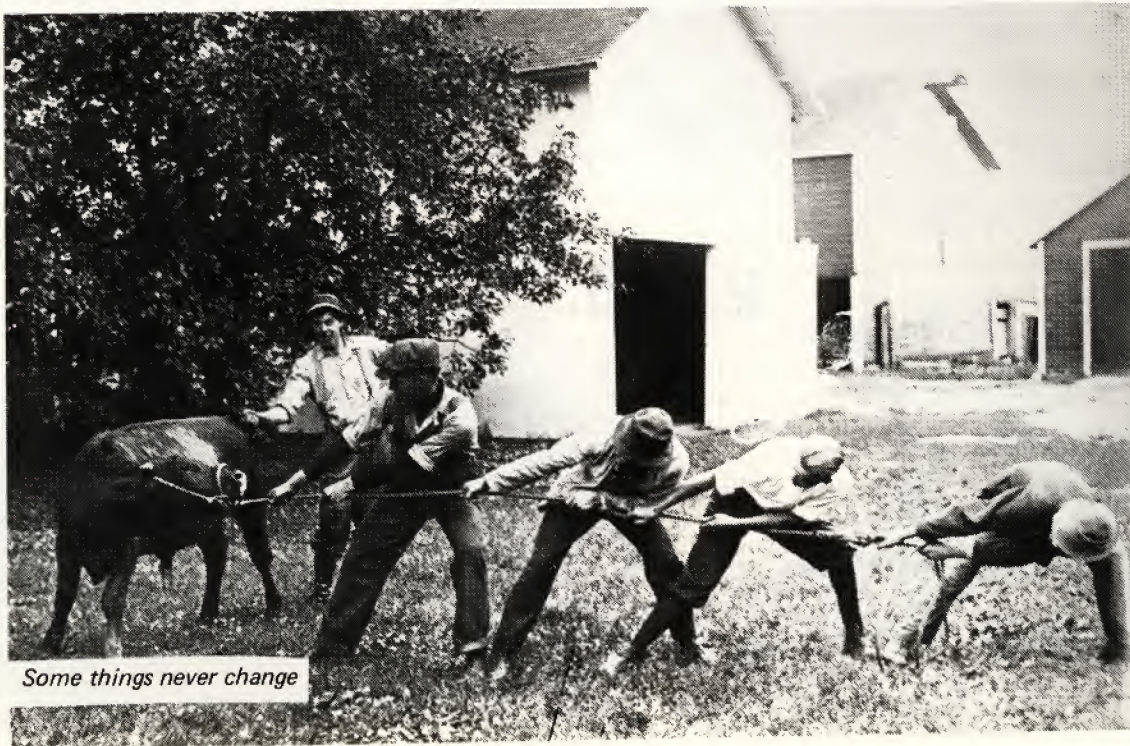
Gaggle photo  
Country Caller interviews guests—George Arnold, (left) Johnstown farmer, and Ralph Durham, genetics specialist  
from the University of Wisconsin, will be featured on the Monday  
Country Caller show every W.C.L.O. With Grant Butler, they will  
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Miles Malone with bobsled.



at six supper guests Wednesday Monte Carlo which were won by  
winning horse the black and white horse.

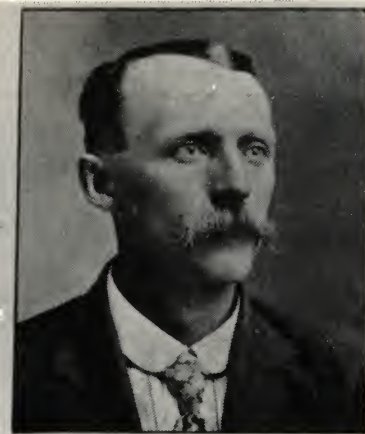


Some things never change





Sawing boards on the Lima Center road ( Morse Woods ). Mrs. Minnie Morse is going to build a new home with her own trees.



A. F. PINNOW

Born in Jefferson Co., Wis., Oct. 28th, 1873, settled in Rock Co., 1904. Supervisor of Johnstown; School Treas. of Dist. No. 3; Res. Johnstown Twp., Sec. 22.



A sawmill on the Grey place.



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### PEA HARVESTING

Wisconsin is the largest producer of canning peas in the nation and some of them are grown in Johnstown. The pictures were taken in 1960. The peas are sprayed for aphids (a tiny juice sucking bug) by airplane; (View 1) a very exciting thing to watch as the engine

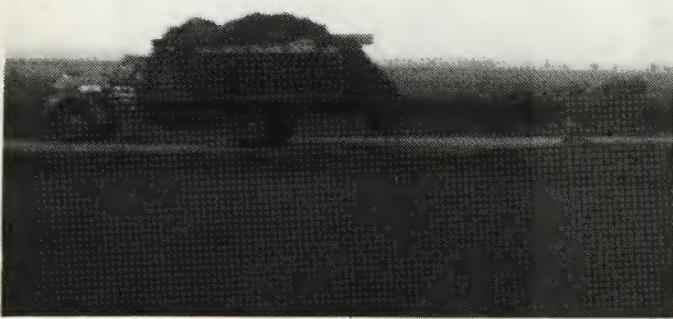
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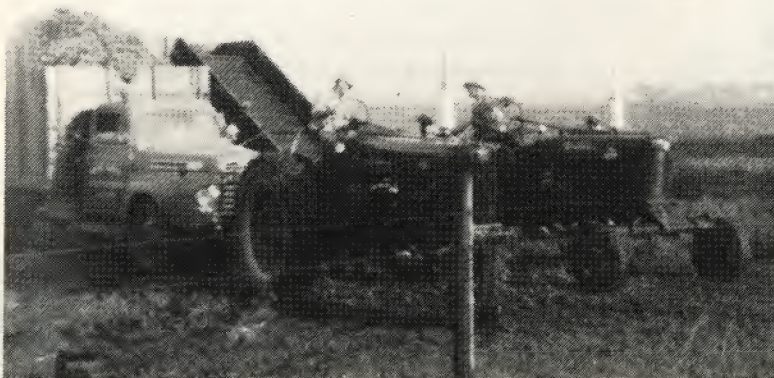
roared, the wings rose up over the fences, barely missed the tree tops, and banked into a curve for another pass at the field. The vines were cut with a mower and reel attachment mounted upon the back end of a small tractor, which left the vines laid out in long rows. A loader picked up the rows of vines with a truck alongside to catch the plants as they fell from the top of the loader. (Views 2&3) The truck in the back of view 3 is ready to take the place of the one which is now filled and about to leave the field. (View 4) People used to stop along the roadsides and pick up the piles of vines which fell from the trucks and take them home to shell out the peas.

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A frequent occurrence of the early summer was a heavy rain. It became extremely difficult to harvest the crop. The fields, more and more fluid as the deluge continues, cannot wait for better weather. Peas are a crop that must be taken when ready. (View 5) The wheels are loaded with heavy gummy mud. The truck was pulled about the field with a tractor. Needless to say, the workers, the equipment, and the field are a sodden and muddy mess when a day such as this is over. The cut vines were hauled to stationary viners which were set up in the triangle at the crossroads of C.T. "M" and C.T. "MM". The vines were made into a huge stack as they came from the viners, which became, in time, pea silage. Each grower was entitled to take a share of the silage from this stack to use as cattle feed.

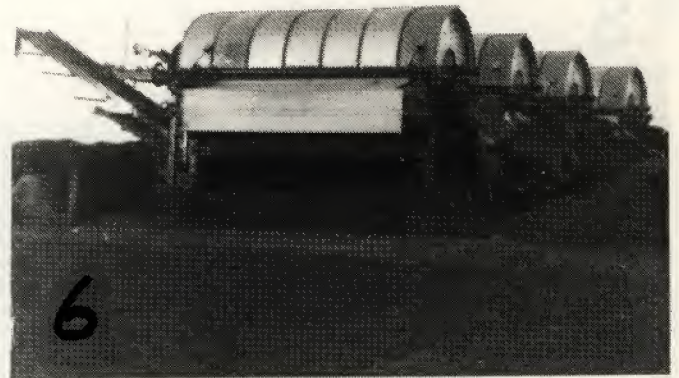
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Many workers were brought into the country from Puerto Rico for the summer to work around the viners feeding in the vines, (which were dumped off the trucks

near the viners) and building the silage stack. These workers also weeded lima beans and beets by hand and picked sweet corn for the canning company. A large truck drove through the corn field and Oh! how those men could throw corn.

Later on, procedures were changed, and the viners were set up in each grower's field and the stack of silage was made there. (View 6) Disposing of the vines was a problem. To put it plainly, after rotting a bit, they stink! 'Twas a sad thing if the stack was built too close to the house. Some farmers didn't want their vines as silage but it was almost impossible to dispose of a freshly made stack of vines. They clung together with an unbelievable tenacity. After curing as silage, a huge knife was used to cut the stack into "slices" which were then loaded upon wagons and hauled to the feedyard. The vines had a sour stench even after they became silage and no farmer that I know shed a single tear when the canning companies had someone invent what was called a "pea combine."



#### 1970 PEA HARVEST

These new hunks of machinery cost more than \$10,000 a piece, but they are a mighty pretty sight at night. They sparkle with colored lights here and there upon the frame and they DO-O work at night! There are yellow running lights topside, red lights in back, and little blue lights that tell if the machine is level.

The pea combine has a huge cylinder that rolls continuously while the machine is running. The cylinder works best when the machine is level. It can level itself as it travels down the field. A pendulum hangs inside a long box at the side of the machine. This pendulum hits electrical contacts as the machine sways down the long rows of vines. The electrical contacts activate hydraulic rams which can raise or lower the rig as required for the most efficient operation.

The pea companies like to have the fields as smooth as possible. It is the duty of the grower to remove all unevenness from his fields after the plowing and disking operations. After planting the seed, the fields are smoothed again. Peas spread out close to the ground as they grow and level fields enable the pea cutter to mow





the peas close to the earth without snagging the teeth of the cutter in the dirt. (View 7) The pea cutter and reel is mounted upon the back of the tractor and leaves the cut vines in rows to the side. The tractor travels backwards through the field with the driver sitting upon a special seat afixed to one side. When traveling on the road from field to field, the tractor is driven in the usual manner.

cylinder of the pea combine. (View 9) It dumps them into a large water tank which is fastened upon a large flat-bed truck. The tank is covered with a tarpaulin and away the peas go to the factory to be washed, cooled, blanched, and put in the cans or packaged for the freezer.



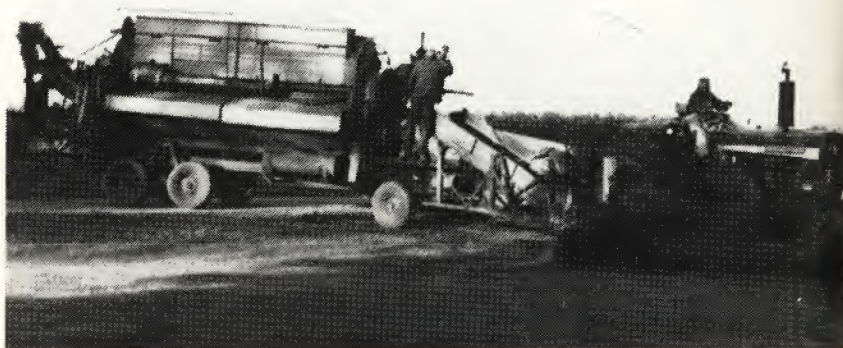
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After the cutter has been in the field for a time and has several rows cut, anywhere from five to ten pea combines will move into the field. (View 8) Here they are in close concert, deisel motors singing like a barbershop quartet, waiting to get into the field. Besides the diesel engine on the tractor, there is another that runs the pea combine. Get ten of these rigs sing-songing in one field at night and you've got something that thrills the heart of the modern farmer as much as the hoofs of an eight-horse team coming down the cobblestones thrilled his grandfather. The cool night air gives a special sound to the diesel motor that has to be heard, the muted rumble of thousands of tiny explosions, gasping intakes of air, movements of pistons. Belts roll over pulleys and the cylinder churns. The little flag at the roadside marks the field that is to be done that day.

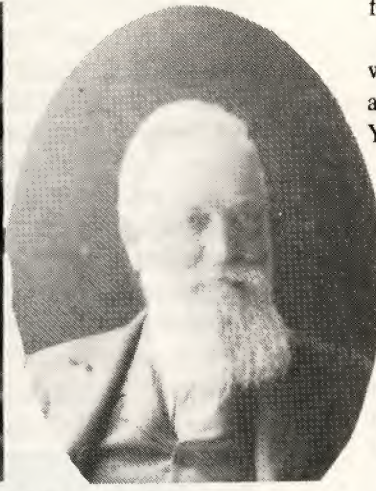
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A small dump wagon trailing behind the combine catches the peas after they are podded in the revolving





## MORGAN



*Sylvester Morgan, a Welchman from New York State, and his wife, Sarah Morgan. About 1904, he bought two farms, totaling about 400 acres, in Johnstown. His grandson Willis Morgan, lived on one of the farms, the J.J. Parker place. Donald Sylvester Morgan, great grandson, is the present owner of the Parker place.*

*His granddaughter, Inez Morgan Wilber, lived on the former A.M. Carter homestead that is currently owned by Mrs. Helen Taylor Dorr.*

## TAYLOR — DORR

The Ray W. Taylor family moved to Johnstown in 1905, coming from Walworth County where the Taylor family had settled in LaGrange in 1843.

Ray Taylor's grandfather, Joshua Taylor, came to America from Midhopestones, Yorkshire, England in 1839. Coming with him were his mother, sister, Martha, and her husband, William Bromley. They settled in New Hartford, Oneida Co., New York where young Joshua, then 23, learned the American way of farming and also worked in the cotton mills. There he met John King who later came to LaGrange, Wisconsin and urged the Taylors to come, too.

Joshua married Betsy Garlick in Sauquoit, New York on 10 October 1841. In June, 1843, Joshua and his family came to LaGrange, Wis., by way of the lake to Milwaukee and drove from there to LaGrange with team and wagon.

Joshua was the naturalist among the early settlers as he was very much interested in every branch of nature, and was probably one of the first settlers to keep bees. His father had kept them in England and he learned how to care for them before coming to America.

He had always been a hunter in England during his boyhood and on reaching Wisconsin easily supplied his family with meat and game with his gun as in those early days, prairie chickens, ducks, wild pigeon and deer were plentiful. The pigeons were so numerous that the large flocks would obscure the sun and, in many instances, when alighting on the trees in vast numbers their weight broke off the limbs. These birds were a source of annoyance and great loss to the farmers. For instance, Caleb Harris sowed wheat by hand all one forenoon, expecting a neighbor to drag the wheat in during the afternoon. In the meantime, the wild pigeons visited the field and after dinner, when

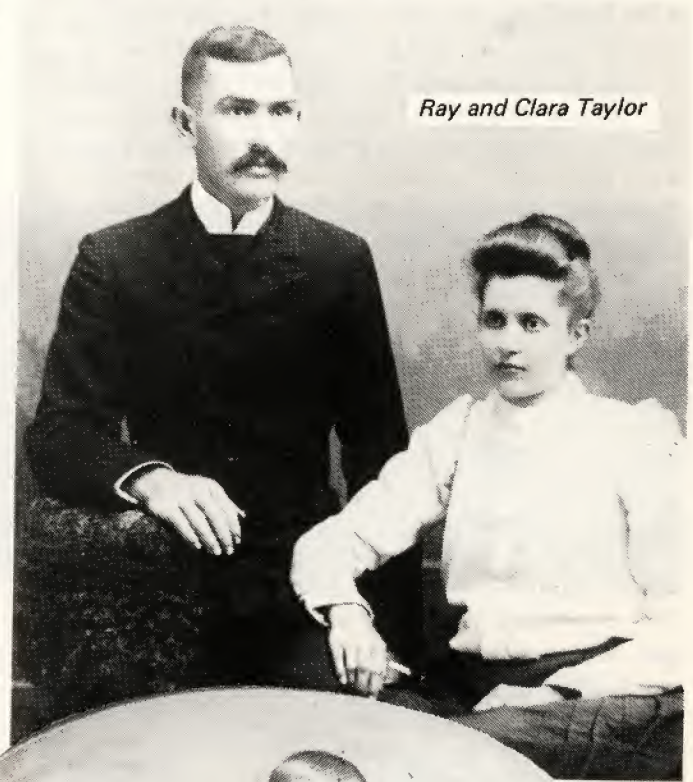
the men went to the field, not a kernel of wheat could be found.

Joshua Taylor was so enthused about his new home he wrote the following letter to his Brother, George Taylor, addressed to Barn Side Coat, near Midhopestones, Yorkshire, England.

LaGrange Oct. 18, 1849

Dear Brother and Sisters:

I know take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you hoping they may find you in good health as they leave us all at present with the exception of self and I have been troubled with liver-complaint nearly three yrs, and am very bad with it at present. I received your letter on the 15th of Oct. dated Aug. 30, and is very glad to think that you have made up your mind to come to America. For I think it will be the best move you ever made in your life for if you are troubled with a stomach disease it is the very best thing you can do to come across the sea. I want you to



*Ray and Clara Taylor*



*Mary and Jay Taylor, Helen and Mabel, children of Ray and Clara Taylor.*



try to get William and family to come along with you. Tell him to give up thinking that there is no place like Midhope Stones and Old Stead for if he will come here I will give him as much or more wages as he is getting there and keep him a cow or two besides. If he was here with his family they would Hern him a farm in two yrs. It is a foolish idea that some people get into their heads to think that there is no place like Old England for this is a Better country than England as ever been in your days or ever will be. But he can please himself. Tell him that I say he is a foolish fellow if he does not come with you. I can tell what a man can do here by what I see others do that come and by what I have done myself. I have got 160 acres of land but should I have had it in Eng. no if I had stayed in Eng. and lived to be a Hundred Years old I should not have had one acre to call my own. But enough at present on this subject. You must bring some garden seedes of different kinds and be sure to bring some grass seeds such as Italian ry grass and common ry seeds of any kind for they will be useful here. You must bring me a pair of sheep shears of the Woodland patern Sorby make, Sheffield. As to clothing you may lay in a prity good stock-all but shoes for they are cheaper here than in England. Do not bring any furniture of any kind Gears for horses for all here are different from yours. But get good strong plain boxes to put your clothes and provisions in and have them so you can lock them and unlock them when you please. You must lay in provisions enough to last six weeks, such as Tea, Sugar, Coffee and Teacle and Flour and Oatmeal and Bacon and Ham and Potatoes if you can get them. Lay in plenty of preserves, do not get any sea buscuits for few people like them at sea. Get plenty of Eggs, for they are as good as anything on the sea, and a little Brandy and Cheese, get some salts or rubarb to take as Medison if you need any and butter. You will have One pound of Bredstuff to each passenger that is alowed by the government per day and see that you get it for if you do not look well after it they will not give it to you. When you get to Liverpool be careful and take your fare in the Steeridge and in a Good ship. Do not be in to big hurry and see yourself that the ship is a good one. Take your fare from Liverpool to New York. When you get to N.Y. take your fare to Albany on a steamboat. When you get to Albany you must take your passage on Erie Canal to Buffalo from Buffalo you must take a steamboat to Milwaukee . When you get to Milwaukee you must leave your family and come here and I will fetch them out here. When you get to N.Y. people will want you to take your passage and pay it all the way to Mil. But you must not do it. Always make a new bargain at each place you stop at. Get all your money in Souvrings for they are worth more here than silver. A souvring is worth 4 Dollars and 84 cents here and a Dollar is One hundred cents. Allsway recon by the cents and then you will not get cheated. Bromley and Martha and family is in good health at present and doing well. Martha says she thinks that Bill had better come with you. She says that if he was here and could see for himself he would not want to stay in Eng. another day. She says that she would not come back to

Eng. to live on no consideration whatever. Bromley wants you to bring him a single barrel gun. They send their best respects to you and hope that you will all come together. Give our best respects to Geo. Taylor Bill's boy, and tell him it will be the best job he ever did to come with you to America and if Bill and his family do not come they will miss it the worst way, the longer he says and the worse it will be for land is getting dearer every year.

Now George you must start the last of Mar. or the first of Apr. don't stay later than the first of Apr. Give our best respects to all inquiring friends and receive the same yourself from your Affectionate Brother and Sister.

Joshua and Betty Taylor  
LaGrange, Wal. Co., State of Wis.



*Frank and Inez Taylor, children of Ray and Clara Taylor.*

Ray's father, William R. Taylor was born in LaGrange on 5 Nov. 1843. He attended Milton College but left during his senior year to join the Army. This was near the end of the Civil War and though he was stationed in Missouri he never fought in battle. After his return, he graduated from Milton College. He married Mary T. Ray on 24 December 1865. William Taylor taught school and later was Supt. of Schools in Walworth Co. He also farmed in Richmond and Johnstown Township.

Ray Wicker Taylor was born at LaGrange on 28 October 1866. He attended Schools in the Richmond Area where his mother died in 1878. Ray attended Milton College, graduating in the class of 1890. On 24 December 1890, he married Clara J. Campbell, daughter of Jay and Emarilla J. Campbell, at their home in Harmony Township.

Clara J. Campbell was born at Cambridge, Dane Co., Wis. on 15 Sept. 1867. She attended Albion Academy and Milton College and taught in rural schools in the area.

Ray taught school in Walworth Co. and later was Supt. of Schools in Walworth Co. from 1891 until 1895. He



then farmed on the Cameron farm in Richmond Township from 1895 until 1905 when he sold the farm and moved to Johnstown because he wanted to get "on the prairie." Moving with them to the former Zuill farm in Johnstown were their five children, Jay, Mary, Mabel, Helen and Frank. A fourth daughter, Inez, was born in Johnstown. All of the children attended Old Johnstown School and are shown in pictures on page 117 of the School Section of Vol. 1. The four girls attended college and became teachers and the two sons became farmers on the home farm and the two neighboring farms which Ray Taylor had purchased by then. Mr. Taylor, like his father and grandfather, was interested in education and served on the school board of Old Johnstown School. The Ray Taylors lived on the Zuill farm the rest of their lives until his death in 1939 and Mrs. Taylor's death in 1949.

Jay C. Taylor, the eldest son, farmed in Johnstown most of his life on the home farm and later on the old Hamilton farm in Sec. 27. He married Inez Waters Geiger in 1944 and they farmed in Johnstown until he retired and moved to Milton. Jay passed away in 1966 and is buried in Milton.

Mary C. Taylor graduated from Milton College and taught Mathematics in Whitewater, Beloit and Delavan High Schools. She later lived at home and still lives on the family farm.

Mabel graduated from Rock Co. Rural Training School and taught in various rural schools including the Maple Corners School in Johnstown. (Shown on Page 113 of Vol. 1.) She married John Wetmore in 1921. They farmed most of their lives on Scharine Road in Bradford Township. The Wetmores have five children, Ray, June, Russell and Ralph, all living in Bradford Township, and Beth who married William Skelton and lives in Johnstown Township. The Skeltons have four children, John, Dean, Barbara and Sandra. Ralph married Joan Johnson and they have five children, Curt, Kelly, Kathy, Julie and Linda.

Helen graduated from Whitewater Normal School and taught at Old Johnstown school and later at the Knilians and Wade Schools in Richmond Township. In 1928 she was married to Robert J. Dorr, son of George W. and Mary A. Dorr. He was born in the Town of Center, Rock County, but spent his early life in Walworth County. George W. Dorr, son of Jeremiah and Anne Kinne Dorr was born at Heart Prairie. He was a cheesemaker and later a farmer in Richmond Township until his death in 1936. Mrs. George Dorr is still living and just celebrated her 94th birthday.

The Robert Dorr's farmed in Richmond until they moved to the Inez Wilbur farm on Scharine Road in 1933. They later acquired the adjoining J.W. Jones farm.

Of the Dorr children, Joan and Allen still live in Johnstown. Janice is married to Harry Link and they live in Kansas City, Kansas. The Links have three sons, Tim, Nick and Chris. Donald is married to Judy Becker and they live at Wisconsin Rapids. Don's family consists of three daughters, Theresa, Kim and Susan.

Clara is married to Claude Richardson and they live in Milton. The Richardson's have four children, Mark,

Douglas, Craig, and Leanne.

Joan is now Mrs. Virgil Schoonover and they live in a home which they built in 1953 at the corner of Co. A and Scharine Road, the site of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's birthplace. There are three Schoonover children, Gary, Gail and Nancy.

Allen lives on his parents' homeplace on Scharine Road. Allen is married to the former LaVonne Barlass and they have three children, Cindy, Christy and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr farmed in Johnstown until his death in 1968. Mrs. Dorr now lives in Milton.

Frank attended Whitewater High School and farmed on the family farms most of his life. Frank married Alice Wallin Osthoff in 1943 and they have two children, Kenneth and Terry. Kenneth and his wife, Ruth, are living near Frank in Conway, Missouri. Terry, his wife, Debbie, and their son, Kurt, still live in Johnstown.

Inez attended Whitewater High School and Teacher's Training School and taught in rural schools in the area. She married Maurice Reeder in 1938 and they have one child, Wanda. Wanda is now Mrs. Robert Lilburn. The Lilburn's live on the Lilburn homeplace in Bradford Township with their six children, Yvonne, Judy, Jimmy, Jeannette, Mary Kay, and Robert. Inez lives in Harmony Township where Mr. and Mrs. Reeder farmed until his death in 1967.

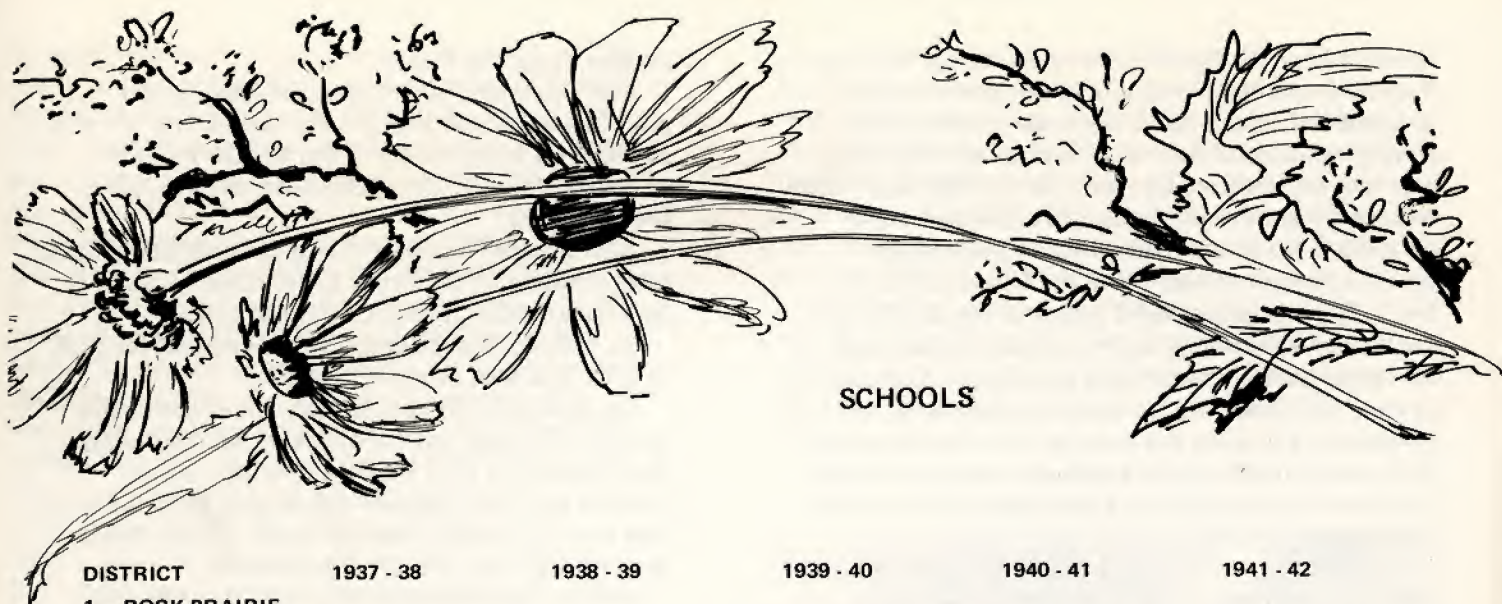


*Jean, Janice, Allen, Donald and Clara Dorr*



*Mr. Robert J. Dorr and Helen Taylor Dorr.*





## SCHOOLS

DISTRICT	1937 - 38	1938 - 39	1939 - 40	1940 - 41	1941 - 42
<b>1 - ROCK PRAIRIE</b>					
Clerk	Mrs. Geo. Arnold	Mrs. G. Arnold	Mrs. G. Arnold	Mrs. G. Arnold	Mrs. G. Arnold
Director	W. B. Austin	W. B. Austin	W. B. Austin	W. B. Austin	W. B. Austin
Treasurer	Jos. Guernsey	Jos. Guernsey	Jos. Guernsey	Emmett Arnold	Emmett Arnold
Teacher	Persus Coalwell	Mrs. Rose Holman	Mrs. Rose Holman	Marion Donaldson	Dorothy Sherman
No. of Pupils			8	8	12
<b>2 - JOHNSTOWN CENTER</b>					
Clerk	W.H. Kelly	W.H. Kelly	W.H. Kelly	W.H. Kelly	W.H. Kelly
Director	Frank Judd	Frank Judd	Henry Stoller	Henry Stoller	Henry Stoller
Treasurer	M. Pierce	M. Pierce	M. Pierce	M. Pierce	M. Pierce
Teacher	Gertrude Horn	Doris Medler	Doris Medler	Doris Medler	Elna Lynd
No. of pupils			26	26	25
<b>3 - JOHNSTOWN</b>					
Clerk	R.W. Taylor	R.W. Taylor	Frank Taylor	Frank Taylor	Frank Taylor
Director	Clifford Zanton	A.F. Pinnow	A.F. Pinnow	A.F. Pinnow	A.F. Pinnow
Treasurer	Fred Johnson	Donald Hunt	Donald Hunt	Donald Hunt	Donald Hunt
Teacher	Hazel Kores	Eva Hetts	Eva Hetts	June Cox	June Cox
No. of pupils			18	13	11
<b>4 - PLAINVIEW</b>					
Clerk	Mrs. C.H. Pitt	Mrs. C.H. Pitt	Mrs. Mary Pitt	Mrs. Mary Pitt	Mrs. Mary Rice
Director	A. Scharine	A. Scharine	A. Scharine	A. Scharine	Albert Scharine
Treasurer	Earl Jordan	Earl Jordan	Earl Jordan	Earl Jordan	Margaret Scharine
Teacher	Mrs. Esther Hall	Mrs. Esther Hall	Helen Henke	Ann Ella Wood	Ann Ella Wood
No. of pupils			21	15	14
<b>5 - WEHLER</b>					
Clerk	Arthur McLay	Arthur McLay	Arthur McLay	Arthur McLay	Arthur McLay
Director	John McLay	John McLay	John McLay	John McLay	John McLay
Treasurer	Mrs. G. Jones	Mrs. G. Jones	Mrs. G. Jones	Elizabeth Jones	E. Jones
Teacher	Mrs. Agnes Scott	Mrs. Bernice Hocking	Edna Jones	Mildred Harkey	Mildred Harkey
No. of pupils			19	14	11
<b>8 - BEVENS</b>					
Clerk	C.I. Newton	C.I. Newton	C.I. Newton	C.I. Newton	C.I. Newton
Director	Geo. Bentz	Geo. Bentz	Geo. Bentz	Geo. Bentz	Geo. Bentz
Treasurer	J.J. Fanning	J.J. Fanning	J.J. Fanning	J.J. Fanning	J. J. Fanning
Teacher	Kathryn Stone	Dorothy Fanning	Dorothy Fanning	Helen Fanning	Gertrude Manogue
No. of pupils			10	12	9
<b>11 - MAPLE CORNERS</b>					
Clerk	J.F. Clark	J.F. Clark	J.F. Clark	J.F. Clark	J.F. Clark
Director	L.W. Godfrey	L.W. Godfrey	L.W. Godfrey	L.W. Godfrey	L.W. Godfrey
Treasurer	Mrs. Pearl Morton	Mrs. P. Morton	Mrs. P. Morton	Mrs. P. Morton	Mrs. P. Morton
Closed—No Teacher					
<b>Jt. 1 - 6 Li. - WHITE - RICH. UTTERS CORNERS</b>					
Clerk	F.W. Teetshorn	F.W. Teetshorn	F.W. Teetshorn	F.W. Teetshorn	F.W. Teetshorn
Director	Mrs. F. E. Wutke	Mrs. F. Wutke	Mrs. F. Wutke	Mrs. F. Wutke	Ed. Reinke
Treasurer	Mrs. F. Snyder	Mrs. F. Snyder	Tom Brereton	T. Brereton	T. Brereton
Teacher	Beulah Fjelstad	Hetty Johns	Hetty Johns	Hetty Johns	Hetty Johns
No. of pupils			16	15	15





*Mae White (Mrs. Vern) Playter,  
teacher at Plainview.*



*Miss Julie M. Brown teacher at Maple  
Corners.*

1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48
Mrs. G. Arnold W.B. Austin Emmett Arnold Dorothy Sherman 15	Mrs. G. Arnold Kenneth Austin Emmett Arnold Susan Youngclause	Mrs. G. Arnold Kenneth Austin Emmett Arnold S. Youngclause	Rev. White Kenneth Austin Emmett Arnold S. Youngclause	Mrs. Ross Mansur Moore Maltpress Emmett Arnold S. Youngclause	Mrs. R. Mansur Moore Maltpress Emmett Arnold S. Youngclause
Harold Prebe Frank Judd Mary Pierce Evelyn Sherman 27	Harold Prebe Frank Judd Mary Pierce Margaret Fanning	Harold Prebe Frank Judd Wm. Weber M. Fanning	Harold Prebe Matt Slowey Wm. Weber Gertrude Manogue	J.C. Taylor Matt Slowey Wm. Weber Ella Julian	J.C. Taylor Matt Slowey Wm. Weber Mrs. Vern Wagoner
Frank Taylor Ralph Rye Donald Hunt June Cox 11	Frank Taylor Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Virginia Hare	Frank Taylor Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Virginia Hare	Frank Taylor Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Irene Krueger	Frank Taylor Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Betty Caya	Ray Schmalig Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Ruth Scott
Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Gertrude Monogue 9	Mrs. M. Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Gertrude Monogue	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Gertrude Monogue	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Gladys Thorne	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Mrs. Gladys Thorne	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Mrs. Gladys Thorne
Arthur McLay John McLay Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Mrs. Fern Nye 11	Arthur McLay John McLay Mrs. E. Jones Fern Nye	Arthur McLay John McLay Mrs. E. Jones Mrs. Fern Nye	Arthur McLay John McLay Elizabeth Jones Mrs. Fern Nye	Arthur McLay John McLay Elizabeth Jones Mrs. Fern Nye	Arthur McLay John McLay Mrs. E. Jones Mrs. Fern Nye
C.I. Newton Geo. Bentz J.J. Fanning Closed—	C.I. Newton Geo. Bentz John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----
J.F. Clark	J.F. Clark	Catherine Arnold	Catherine Arnold	C. Arnold	Mrs. Catherine Arnold
L.W. Godfrey Fred Alwin -----	L.W. Godfrey Fred Alwin -----	L.W. Godfrey Fred Alwin -----	Mrs. G. Arnold Fred Alwin -----	Mrs. G. Arnold Fred Alwin -----	Mrs. Geo. Arnold Fred Alwin -----
F.W. Teetshorn Ed Reinke W.T. Brereton Hetty Johns	Harold Grant Ed. Reinke W.T. Brereton Hetty Johns	Harold Grant Ed. Reinke W.T. Brereton Gladys Thorne	Harold Grant Ed Reinke Ralph Taylor Ida Schranz	Fred Teetshorn Ed Reinke Ralph Taylor Camille Marshall	Fred Teetshorn Ed Reinke Ralph Taylor Mrs. Camille Marshall





*Graduating class of Bevens school, 8th Grade. 1934.  
Back Row—Murle Schmaling, Jean Malone, Mary Arndt,  
Teacher Irene Jones. Front --Harold Brown, Forest  
Gerloff, Margaret Fanning, Bernice Newton.*

1948-49 1	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	
Mrs. Ross Mansur Moore Maltpress Emmett Arnold Closed—	Mrs. Ross Mansur Moore Maltpress Emmett Arnold Ella Vighal	Kenneth Short Moore Maltpress Emmett Arnold Miss Jacqueline Wright	Kenneth Short Ross Mansur Emmett Arnold Mrs. Ogla Helwig	Rev. Reginold White Ross Mansur Emmett Arnold Mrs. Margaret Collins	<b>ROCK PRAIRIE</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher
J.C. Taylor Matt Slowey Wm. Weber Mrs. Vern Wagoner	Bruce Kumlien Matt Slowey Wm. Weber Mrs. Wilma Wegner	Tom Corcoran Matt Slowey Mrs. Robert White Mrs. Wilma Wegner	Thomas Corcoran Matt Slowey Mrs. R. White Fred Rabuck	Tom Corcoran Matt Slowey Mrs. R. White Mrs. Mary Weir	<b>JOHNSTOWN CENTER</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher
Ray Schmaling Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Ruth Scott	Ray Schmaling Donald Hunt Ralph Rye Mrs. Ruth Scott	Ray Schmaling Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Ruth Scott	Ray Schmaling Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Ruth Welcher	Ray Schmaling Ralph Rye Donald Hunt Mrs. Connie Wagner	<b>JOHNSTOWN</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher
Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Mrs. Gladys Thorne	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine M. Scharine Mrs. Gladys Thorne	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Mrs. Virginia Hare	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Mrs. Virginia Hare	Mrs. Mary Rice Albert Scharine Margaret Scharine Leone Wilcox	<b>PLAINVIEW</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher
Arthur McLay John McLay Leslie Longman Harriet Ehret	Arthur McLay John McLay Leslie Longman Mrs. Florence Brown	Arthur McLay John McLay Leslie Longman Mrs. Florence Brown	Arthur McLay John McLay Les Longman Mrs. Florence Brown	Arthur McLay Mrs. Helen Wehler Les Longman Mrs. Florence Brown	<b>WEHLER</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher
C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton A.H. Wendorf John Reed -----	C.I. Newton Raymond Fanning Alvin Nelson -----	Clarence Newton Raymond Fanning Alvin Nelson -----	<b>BEVENS</b> Clerk Director Treasurer --closed
Catherine Arnold Mrs. Geo. Arnold Fred Alwin -----	Catherine Arnold Mrs. Geo. Arnold Fred Alwin -----	Catherine Arnold Mrs. Geo. Arnold Fred Alwin -----	Catherine Arnold May Arnold Ruth Dodge -----	Catherine Arnold May Arnold Mrs. Ruth Dodge -----	<b>MAPLE CORNERS</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Closed
Fred Teetshorn Mrs. Helen Wutke Ralph Taylor Camille Marshall	Fred Teetshorn Mrs. Helen Wutke Ralph Taylor Mrs. Camille Marshall	Mrs. Howard Wade Mrs. Helen Wutke Mrs. Paul Becker Mrs. Camille Marshall	Mrs. Howard Wade Irvin Weimuth Mrs. Helen Wutke Mrs. Camille Marshall	Mrs. Howard Wade Irvin Weimuth Mrs. Helen Wutke Mrs. Camille Marshall	<b>UTTERS CORNERS</b> Clerk Director Treasurer Teacher



# 42 Get Milton College Degrees; Special Honors for Outstanding Alumnus

1957

MILTON — An impressive address by Circuit Judge Harry S. Fox, Janesville, presentation of honors and awards to seniors and award of an honorary degree of doctor of science to Dr. F. Gregory Hall, of Duke University, a Milton College alumnus, were highlights of commencement exercises of Milton College Sunday afternoon. The program was held in the college gym.

Dean Van Horn made announcement of honors and awards to the following students: Leman Stringer music award to Marleen Markham Bell, Bilton; Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity scholarship to Kay Spencer Howard, Milton; and the Roland Sayre Memorial Athletic award to Jack Gregory, Delavan.

Presentation of the class of 1957 to President P. L. Dunn was made and degrees conferred to the 42 members, three being also recognized whose requirements are to be filled in the near future.

Dr. Hall, a 1917 Milton graduate who was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science, is professor of zoology and physiology at Duke University. He had at his side two of his former students, now renowned teachers in their own right; Dr. Roland K. Meyer, '26, of the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Lloyd Seager, '25, of the University of Arkansas medical school, who assisted in the placing of the hood. Several members of the Hall family were in attendance at the ceremonies.

## Judge Poses Question

After Dr. Hall's graduation from Milton College in 1917 he went on to the University of Wisconsin to earn the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees. Although his appointment as professor of biology at Milton ran for only three years, his influence left itself felt on many of the young people in his classes.

A veteran during World War I, he re-entered military service as lieutenant colonel in the Air Corps serving in all theaters of World War II.



DR. F. GREGORY HALL



Margaret Mullen, sister of Patrick Fanning, and teacher at Johnstown Center in the early 1900's for about \$16.00 a month.



Johnstown Center school — Back row, left to right — teacher, Stella Peck Austin, Christina McLay Carr, James Hadden, Mary Mansur, Wm. Warner, Isabelle McLay Craig. Middle row-Marion McLay Anderson, Lillian Austin, Glen McKillips, Margaret Austin, John McCann. Front row- George Arnold, Mary McCann, Fred Pratt, Alice Arnold Crabtree, Harry McCann.





Wehler school - Teacher, Margaret Dicker, Back row—left to right - Albert Boone, Fred Hadden, Roy Hale, Fred Wehler. Front row - Ray Hale, Agnes McLay, Margaret Glenn, Graham McLay.



Playing Ball at Wehler School

## UNION TICKET

For Supervisors—

WILLIAM ZUILL, Chairman.  
RICHARD CARY,  
JAMES HADDEN, JR.

For Town Clerk—

GEORGE M. CHANDLER.

For Assessor—

VOLNEY WOOD.

For Treasurer—

JAMES LAMB.

For Justices of the Peace—

JAMES KINGSLEY, 2 years.  
RUSH BEARDSLEY, 2 years.  
J. P. THOMPSON, 1 year.  
CHARLES FOX, 1 year.

For Constables—

S. H. JOHNSON.  
H. POLLAY.  
H. W. PEABODY.  
D. CHAMBERLAIN.

For Pound Master—

NELSON COLE.

For Sealer of Weights and Measures—

DAVID CARTER.



The McKillips school, also known as the Rock Prairie school (No. 202).



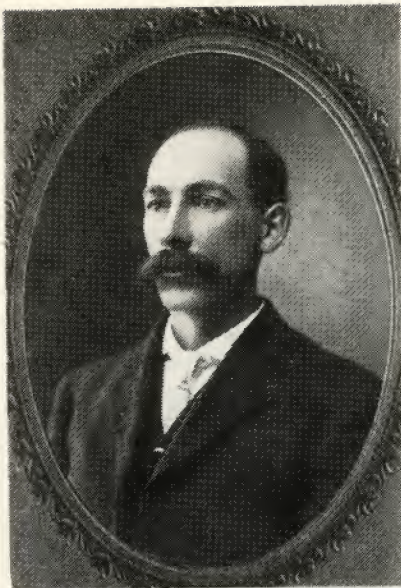


*Old Johnstown School - class of Edith Kemp. First row: L-R. Vernon Zanton, Arthur Wendt, Inez Mosley, Ruth Morgan, Henry Wudtke, Margaret Quigley, Doris Pederson, Ralph Rye. Second row: Frank Taylor, Helen Mosley, Pearl Scharine, Ruth Pederson, Grace Rye, Ethel Pinnow, Teacher Edith Kemp, Lawrence Lerch. Third row: Fenno Mosley, Helen Wendt, Jorome Eggert, Rudolf Eggert, Eldora Zanton, Inez Taylor, Elfrieda Loerke, Harry Wendt.*



*Wehler School at the WCLO Radio Station. Back row, left to right - Sally——, Rose Marie Morse, ——Madsen, Ivan McLay, Elowise Wellnitz, Jean McLay. Next row ————Madsen, Harry, Dick, and Robert Morse, Mrs. Fern Nye. Seated - Lynn Longman, Merriam Grace McLay.*

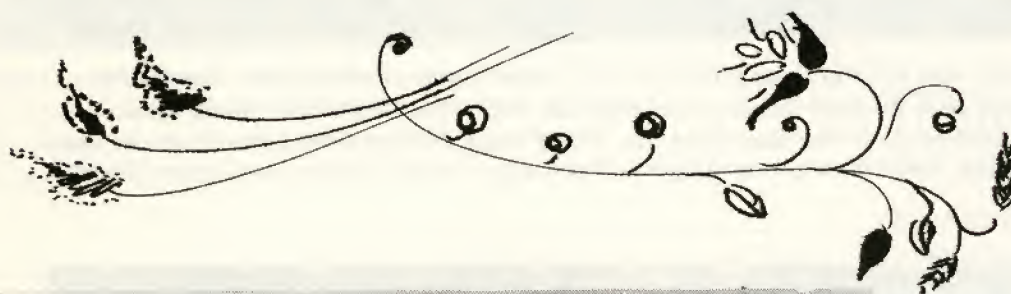




Mr. O. B. Hall, teacher at the Center



Mrs. O. B. Hall



Old Johnstown. Class of Marion Peterson. Back row, left to right - Eileen Murphy, Phylis Murphy, Verona Mathews, Inez Quigley, Margaret Quigley, Dora Schmalting. Next row - Marion Quigley, Lizzie Brummond, ———, ———, ———, Clifford Zanton, Wm. Brummond. Seated - Jack Murphy, Hartley Summers, Lester Mathews, Philip Murphy, Herman Loerke.

## O. B. Hall, Civic Leader, Dies

Former Businessman,  
Assessor, Teacher and  
Widely Known Farmer



MILTON JUNCTION — Otis Brown Hall, 84, 112 Rogers St., Milton Junction, veteran civic leader in Milton and Johnstown, died early today in Edgerton Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

Well known as a Progressive Republican in earlier decades, Mr. Hall was treasurer of the Town of Johnstown for four years, chairman of the town board for five years and assessor for 13 years. He also served on the school board there.

After moving to Milton, he was elected to the village board, serving as chairman of its street and sidewalk committee for a period. He was also clerk of the graded school.

Mr. Hall was an organizer of the Farm Bureau and served on the AAA in the town of Johnstown.

The son of Gregory Dexter Hall and Ann Elida Austin, he was born in Johnstown township Feb. 6, 1870. He spent his entire life in this area.

He received his education in the district school at Johnstown Center and attended Milton College and Whitewater Normal School. On Oct. 21, 1891, he was married to Sarah Jane Peabody, who died Jan. 19, 1950.

After teaching for several years in Kenosha and Racine counties, Mr. Brown operated a store in Old Johnstown and Johnstown Center from 1899 to 1905. Upon moving to Milton in 1913, he bought the Park Garage and operated it under the firm name of Hall and Johnson.

In 1916 he sold his Milton interests and returned to his farm in Johnstown, where he lived until his retirement in 1944, when he purchased a home in Milton. Since his wife's death, he had lived with a daughter, Mrs. Carr Kumlien.

Surviving are his daughter; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. A son, Albert, three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Another son and daughter died in infancy.

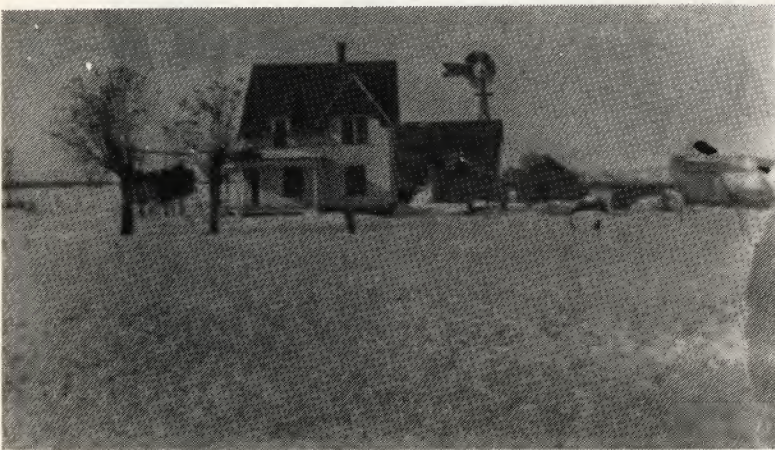
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial will be in Johnstown Center. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7-9 p.m. Thursday.





STURTEVANT SCHOOL      *When?*

*Note the wide wooden steps in front of the school. These gave way to improvements about 1895.*



#### THE STURTEVANT HOMESTEAD

*This house built in 1908 by the Van P. Sturtevant family was located directly across the road from the Sturtevant School, hence the name for the school. Note the wooden windmill in the background.*



*Mabel Vogel who was a teacher at the Sturtevant School about 1925.*





*Bevens School. Class of Thelma Garvin. Back row, left to right — Clifford Mass, Ham Kriehn, Art Mass, Regina Fanning Cullen, Mary Fanning O'Leary, Teacher-Thelma Garvin. Middle Row — Ken Newton, John Fanning, Hurl Kriehm, Hazel Schmaling Schultz, Mary Brown, Sylvia Mass, Dorothy Fanning Dockhorn. Front-Bill Malone, Forest Gerloff, Bernice Newton, Harold Brown, Isabelle Malone, Margaret Fanning, Murle Schmaling, Jean Malone.*



*When the children's marks, behavior, etc. were satisfactory to the teacher she presented them with a pretty printed card. These cards were issued from the Wehler School by teacher Ella McArthur.*





Members of the 1915 class at Utters Corners school were identified this week by Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Shields of Janesville. The picture ran in the May 30 issue of the Register. The identification of the students included: Front row, left to right, Erwin Shields, Elizabeth Hadley, Arletta Wudtke, Alvin Wudtke, Violet Mawhinney, Hugh Mawhinney, Merrill Paynter, Dora Goodwin,

William Maas, John Mawhinney; middle row, left to right, Beulah Hadley, Gladys Goodwin, Alvin Graske, Hubert Hull, Walter Schimmel, Minford Boyle, Isabel Teetshorn, Harold Friske, Back row-left to right- Charles Maas, Arthur Funk, Ida Hadley, Mina Maas, Russell Graske, Mary Peters, Gertrude Goodwin, Carl Goodwin, Mrs. Mark Calkins, teacher.

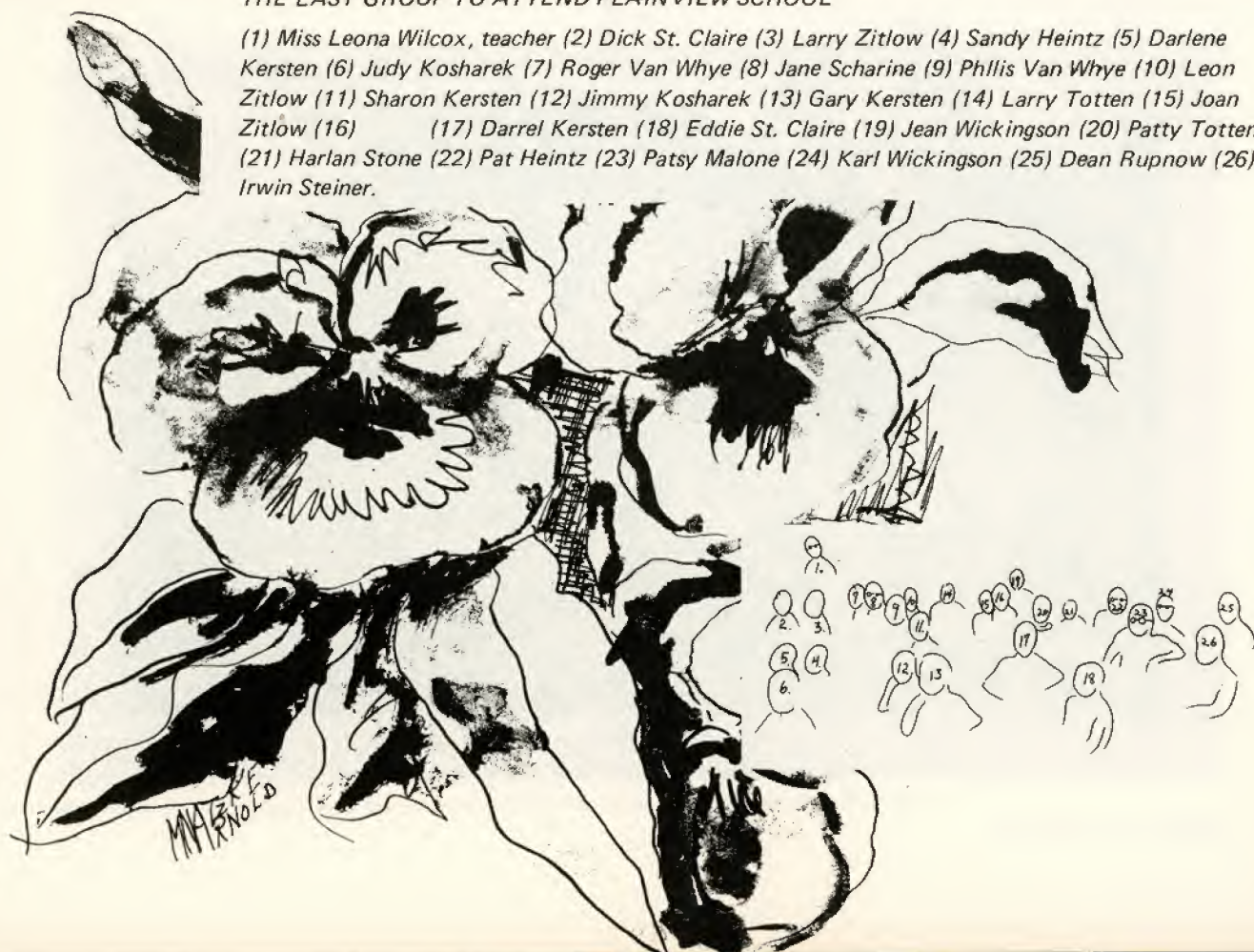






#### THE LAST GROUP TO ATTEND PLAINVIEW SCHOOL

(1) Miss Leona Wilcox, teacher (2) Dick St. Claire (3) Larry Zitlow (4) Sandy Heintz (5) Darlene Kersten (6) Judy Kosharek (7) Roger Van Whye (8) Jane Scharine (9) Phllis Van Whye (10) Leon Zitlow (11) Sharon Kersten (12) Jimmy Kosharek (13) Gary Kersten (14) Larry Totten (15) Joan Zitlow (16) (17) Darrel Kersten (18) Eddie St. Claire (19) Jean Wickingson (20) Patty Totten (21) Harlan Stone (22) Pat Heintz (23) Patsy Malone (24) Karl Wickingson (25) Dean Rupnow (26) Irwin Steiner.







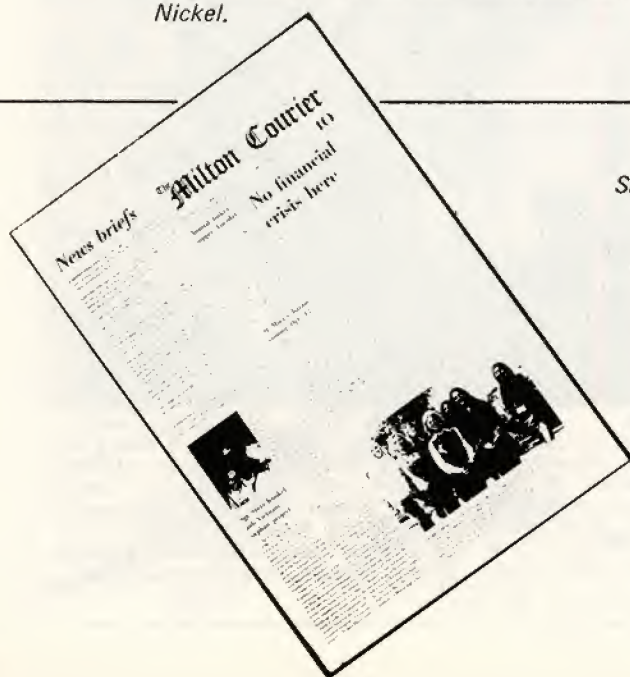
—Gazette photo  
**GIVE HAPPY HEALTH PLAY**—Dr. Goodhealth, Nurse Keepwell and lots of Vitamin and Protein Fairies gave health tips to WCLO Schoolltime listeners on the bright little nutrition play pupils of the Plainview school, Whitewater route 1, presented. The cast included, front row from left, David Hiemstra and Roger Wickingson; second row, Mary Malone, Quinadele Dohmeyer, Jean Wickingson, Vernon Acker, Richard Scharine, Janice Schultz; third row, Kenneth Lindl, William Dohmeyer, David Wickingson, Donald Miner, Donald Scharine; fourth row, Gary Stone, Charles Scharine, Dolores Dohmeyer, John Hiemstra; fifth row, Gerald Lindl, Mrs. Gladys Thorne, teacher, and Genevieve Scharine. ④

*2-3-4 cousins of Richard*





PLAINVIEW SCHOOL -- 1938. Front row from left, Lyle Jordan, Gladys Kitzman, Norman Nickel, Del Olson, Melvin Acker, Marjorie Scharine, Edward Acker, Russell Hodge; second row, Glen Kitzman, Lillian Butler, Ralph Kosharek, Florence Nickel, Doris Kitzman, Doris Acker, Glen Pitt; third row, Martha Grice, Delores Kosharek, Hagen Twins (Doris & Delores), Harry Nickel, Ronald Kitzman; fourth row, Ivan Acker, Lillian Jordan, Mrs. Esther Duoss Hall (teacher), Virginia Grice, Robert Nickel.



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Hard time party at the Wehler School. Left to right — Ruth Wehler, Catherine McKeown, Marion Lamb, ———, Earl Lloyd, Arthur McLay, Henry Lloyd, Hugh McKeown, Robert Mair.

This is the season of the year when the air of the home is made blue by the husband as he puts up the coal stoves for the winter. The pipe never goes up twice alike and although he thought he knew just how each joint went in the spring when he took it down he finds when he comes to put it up that every joint seems to be a different size and the elbows will not go in or over. If a man is ever justified in using cuss words of a crimson hue, it is when he is putting up a stove and it is not believed that the Lord will hold him accountable for his words.

### IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF ———

(The following clippings were taken from different local newspapers and found preserved in the scrapbooks of Johnstownites.)

Mr. Jerome Hellen and Mr. Fred Bloodgood, Normal Students, came out this way a week ago last Saturday to visit acquaintances and gather specimens for their botany class. Mr. H. attended strictly to business, but Fred, as usual, was more interested in school Ma'ams than in plants, and we fear did not add much to his botanical knowledge by the visit. It beats all how the blind God works. The young men from Milton, Troy, Whitewater, and other places flock here after our girls, and then our boys have to go to Milton, Johnstown, Whitewater and even to Burlington to supply the deficiency. It makes a great deal of unnecessary traveling to say the least.



There are as many ways of finding out who you are going to marry as there are days in the year, says the New York Mail and Express. Most of these ways are frivolous and unreliable. The following, which is practiced by the girls "up the state" is sensible and satisfactory, and is said never known to fail. Of course you have to have a wedding feast, for a bit of the wedding cake is as necessary to the experiment as a clown to a circus.

Then, after you have caught your cake, take an ordinary square envelope and seal up the bit of cake in it. Cut a little snip off of each corner. At this state in the proceedings provide four small cards, say half an inch wide and three inches long. Now give the whole to your friend, who is to write the names of four young gentlemen on the cards, one on each. She then slips one in each of the little holes made by snipping off the corners of the envelope, and leaving just the end out to take hold of. Pin each fast so that it cannot slip or be read.

The owner now receives it, and on penalty of never marrying in this world, must not take one until the allotted time, nor find out what is in each others. She must sleep on it for one night, and then take out the name. She does this with each card, and the fourth one she gets out is the name of her future husband, sure. Of course, she may sigh a little over some one pulled out among the three gonners, but it can't be helped.

Apparently a number of our young people have had the matrimonial fever the past week. On Wednesday, Mr. Arthur Pratt and Miss Myra Chismore were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. Pastor Davison tying the nuptial knot. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt will commence housekeeping at once in their home in this village. May success attend them.

On Wed. evening Nov. 26, 1890 a large number of friends and relatives assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fetherstone to witness the marriage of their daughter, Anna and Thomas McCartney. The bride has taught school for a number of terms and is an accomplished young lady. The groom is one of Johnstown's energetic young farmers and is held in high esteem. May they live long and happy life is the wish of their many friends.

On Thanksgiving night Mr. Ivan J. Fletcher, postmaster of Old Johnstown and Miss Jennie Serl, of Fairfield, were made husband and wife. Only the relatives and intimate friends were present at the ceremony. The bride is an accomplished young lady, held in high esteem, while the groom, having resided in our midst during his lifetime, is well known, and by his affable disposition has won many friends. He is the elder partner in the store in Johnstown. The newly married couple will make their home opposite the post office. May they live a long and prosperous life is the wish of their numerous friends.



*Many weddings at home were graced with a wedding arch. Here is the wedding arch of Ted Rye and Nell Butts, March 20, 1915. The pictures were taken at her father's home on Milton Av. Janesville, Wisconsin.*





*Tom McCartney*



*Johnstown News* "Last Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Mr. Miles Malone, of Johnstown, and Miss Lizzie Kemmett, of Richmond, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Father Downs, of St. Patrick's church. Immediately after the ceremony was performed and hearty congratulations had been bestowed, the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride, where an elaborate repast was awaiting their pleasure, and to which ample justice was done, after which, until 12 o'clock, the time was spent in dancing and admiring the numerous and costly presents, then wishing the young couple God-speed the guests wended their way homeward, feeling that they had participated in a very pleasant affair. The groom looked proud and happy as one should upon winning one of Richmond's prettiest and most estimable young ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Malone intend going housekeeping immediately and will make Johnstown their future home.)



*This Johnstown lady, Ella Wixom Lamb, with this delicately laced bodice and intricately sewn dress wished to be buried in it upon her demise and by the thoughtfulness of her relatives, she was.*

<sup>1</sup> News article printed in the September 27, 1894, issue of *The Whitewater Register*.



Alas, all was not happiness. There was the death of a young man that seemed to touch the hearts of all Johnstown.

On Sunday morning Oct. 5th, 1890, Mr. George McFarlane, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McFarlane, died at his home near Johnstown. The deceased has been a patient sufferer for nearly four months and it is with feelings of regret that we are obliged to part with him. His death was the result of an accident which happened last June. While endeavoring to jump from a load of hay he fell on a pitchfork handle, the blunt end penetrating the abdomen. He was a young man of affectionate disposition, beloved and respected by old and young, rich and poor. The funeral services will be held at Johnstown Center Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains interred in the village.

Some say George wrote this poem, others say no.

#### ROCK PRAIRIE

Some people think that city life  
Is just the thing for them  
An' if they're going to choose a wife  
They must be in the swim.  
But I have traveled over many lands  
An' never yet have seen  
A place that beats Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.

It extends from Scrabble Hollow  
To that city on the line,  
With its thousands of broad acres  
Oh mister! they are fine;  
And its roads, so smooth and shady  
No better ones are seen  
Than the highways of Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.

Of big farmers there are many  
And we count them by the score,  
There's Arnold, John Delaney,  
The McFarlanes and Jim Moore;  
All the Zuills they are in it,  
With their monstrous teams of Clyde,  
The McArthurs, Austins, Pembers,  
The McLays and Clarks besides.  
Wetmores, Putnams, Inmans, Duthies  
You will find them all I ween  
If you visit old Rock Prairie  
Where the grass is green.

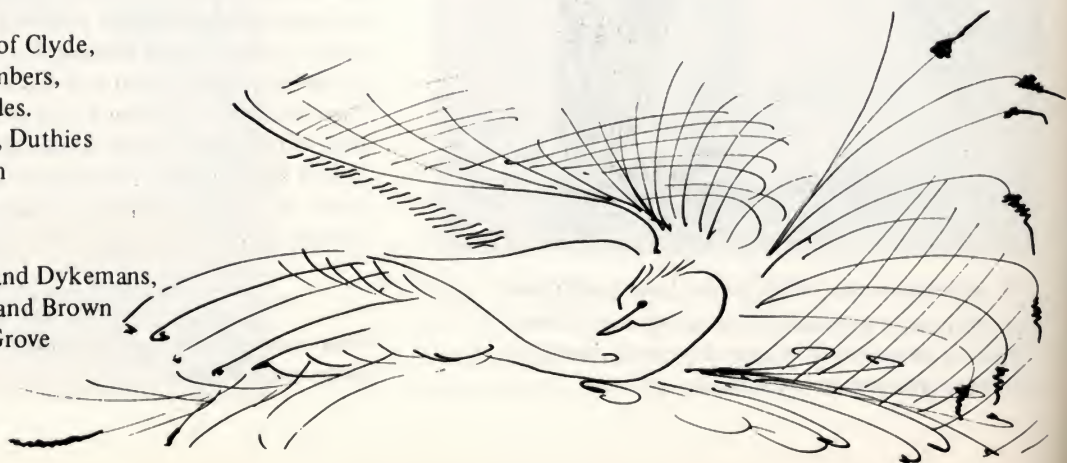
There's the Cutters, Smiths and Dykemans,  
Shermans, Gleasons, Lambs and Brown  
And the Jonses over at the Grove

I guess they own the town.  
Williams, Barlass, Lilburn, Douglas,  
Godfrey, Gentles, you have seen :  
You will find them on Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.

Then there's Longley, Aiden Proctor,  
Dewey Hanthorn, farther west,  
All the Morton's, Ransoms, Haddens,  
I'll not tire with the rest.  
With their Galloways and Durhams,  
Their Shetlands and their Clydes  
Poland Chinas, Chesters, Suffolks  
And a lot of stock besides.  
Roaming o'er the verdant pastures  
In the summer months is seen  
On that beautiful Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.  
In the summer time, Gee Whillikins,  
When'er they build a barn  
You bet we dedicate it  
Of course it is no harm.  
Last summer Duthies; Dodges,  
And also Lewie Ryes,  
And the crowd that was at Campbell's  
Was a sight to cure sore eyes.  
A hundred couple's dancin'  
To Webb's full band was seen  
On the edge of old Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.

Tonight there is a spelling school  
Tomorrow night a dance,  
On Wednesday night a "Leap Year"  
Just to give the girls a chance.  
And Friday night we skate,  
And Saturday we'll go to town  
Unless we sleep too late.  
We're the happiest lot of people  
That ever you have seen  
Living out here on Rock Prairie  
Where the grass grows green.

Found handwritten copy in home of  
Erchal McLay with the name George as  
author.







*Funeral flowers of George McFarlane, who passed away Oct. 5, 1890.*

Johnstown Center, Wis. Oct. 10, 1890

George W. McFarlane, who fell from a load of hay striking on the handle of a pitchfork some months ago died Sunday. The funeral was held Tuesday at Johnstown. He was a young man in the twenties and has made a gallant struggle for life. For week's his friends have alternately hoped and feared for his life and now they mourn his loss with intense and bitter sorrow. The question comes "Why should one so strong and young be taken from what might have been a long life of usefulness, and aged weak ones be left?" This question can only be answered in the hereafter. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community.

In Memorium

GEORGE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George McFarlane, died Oct. 5th, 1890.

By Fannie Ward

Just as the Autumn opened  
And the leaves began to fall  
God sent the messenger of Death  
George answered to the call.

Three long months of patient suffering,  
Many were the pains he bore  
So God thought it best to take him,  
At the age of twenty-four.

Willing hands were ever working,  
Not a moment did they cease  
Hoping, praying God might spare him,  
And from pain he'd be released.

The tiresome steep of time are passed,  
Crossed is death's turbid stream;  
And all this world's intricacies  
Are but an empty dream.

He knows no fear or sorrow  
In that bright home above,  
There all earthly cares are over  
And all is peace and love.

No gloomy musings of the past,  
No dark sins to repent;  
But memories of those pleasant years,  
Of a life so nobly spent.

God gives, He takes, He will restore,  
And in his boundless love,  
Together bring us all at last  
To the sweet home above.

Farewell George, dear son and brother,  
Our Savior calls thee to thy home;  
To that land of life and glory,  
Where no sorrow ever comes.





*Taken at Arngibbon Aug. 11, 1904. Left to right — Anna Clark, (Mrs. John Paul), Sadie Hadden, Grace Youngclause (Mrs. Will Duthie), Alice Youngclause, Margaret Youngclause, Florence McLay (Mrs. Howell Humphrey), Miss Catherine Clark, Miss Mary Brown (of Detroit), Miss Helen Barlass, Miss Helen McLay, Miss Margaret Decker (Mrs. Will Lloyd), Mae Clark (Mrs. Ray Boynton).*



*The "at home" pleasure of making your own Indian tepee.*

### The Prophet's Warning

Three years ago this bleak December,  
The day, no doubt, you all remember;  
When Maggie Mair and Andrew Currie,  
Set a' the town in sic a flurry.  
We uttered warnings then and there,  
In words like these to Andrew Mair.  
"Like sheep, when one has led the way,  
The last one sure will go astray."  
And so you see it comes to pass,  
That Aner's lost his loveliest lass,  
He wud-na heed the prophets wary,  
But let her gad to yon Rock Prairie,  
Where Hadden bold, the snare did lay,  
That caught her there that very day.  
O Dear! O Dear! That Synod meeting,  
Has set us this day a greetin'.  
We'll miss her sar in home and church.  
The laddies, too, are in the lurch,  
But we're not sorry that it's so.  
'Twill teach them not to be so slow.  
Lookout my boys, and now be wise,  
And guard against these foreign spies.  
Ye parents, too, ye see their game,  
So keep your lassies aye at home.  
I've tried thus far to quench my ire  
But now my tempers all on fire.  
Zainy Man! Revenge!! before you sleep,  
Just make a raid on Huey's sheep--,  
Ner' stop, until you get what's fair  
In recompense for Mary Mair.

J.B.G.





*Tennis At Arngibbon*



*Everything wasn't always so pleasant. Here is Frank Wellnitz giving one of his sons a haircut and running fast away, in the background, is Joe. Oct. 1, 1933.*



*Left to right — Ruth Wehler, Mabel Hendrickson, Marion Lamb, Catherine McKeown.*





El, son of Carr and Ethel. Pic taken back of old hotel  
Johnstown Center, where the family lived.

A daughter of O.B. Hall, Ethel, married Carr Kumlien and some of their children were born in the Johnstown Center House. Carr raised many fine horses and Ethel was seen in many a play put on in Johnstown.



North Johnstown Community Club play put on in 1947.





When Johnstown wasn't working Johnstown was playing

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Joe Morgan.....	D. Dickinson
Frank Slade.....	L. W. S. Pember
Harvey Green.....	H. McGowan
Mr. Romaine.....	F. H. Williams
Willie Hammond.....	F. H. Gifford
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Policeman.....	Mr. Geo. Stearns

Admission, - - - 15 Cents  
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Doors open at 6 1-2. Commences at 7 1-2.

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Winners of the soft ball pennant in 1926. Back row — Thelma Garvin teacher, Regina "Dell" Fanning Cullen, Hamilton Kriehn, Art Mass, Sylvester Mass, Phil Schmaling. Front — Hurl "Sparky" Kriehn (Lietke Imp. Co. of Milton gave a spark plug to the boy getting the first home run. Hurl did and he was called "Sparky" ever since.) John "Cuddy" Fanning, Ken Newton.



Thane Peterson and George Jones

*Recreation before television*



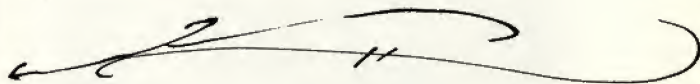
READING PALMS — Margaret McLay with a friend who had come to visit from Detroit, Mary Brown.







*Hunting was pretty good. Pictured is the home of the McGowans, just W. of Mary Caldo's home in Johnstown Center. Mary says that the logs were covered over with siding; that part of the original cabin still remains within the home of the present owner.*



Here's a song often sung throughout north Johnstown and written about a true incident that happened to Sarah Fanning McCann (author); Walt Kelly, two sisters and five cousins who went out to a dance one fine starlit night, a perfect evening for a sleigh ride.



*This Picture Speaks For Itself*



*A Bob-Sled*

Come all you kind people, if you would like to hear  
About a party from Johnstown decided to go  
To a ball down in Delavan 12 miles away  
With Topsy and Billy and Bob Fanning's bob-sleigh.  
When they left home for Delavan, the stars they did shine.  
They reached there all happy about half-past nine.  
They entered the ball-room, their friends they did greet.  
They were soon keeping time with the music so sweet.  
They all felt so jolly and the folks were so kind,  
No thought of returning 'ere entered their minds,  
Until the ball was over. They found 'twas their goal,  
They had to go that long journey home through a  
blizzard of snow.

Patsy took a seat on the dashboard so high,  
To guide them home safely was willing to try.  
They went along well till about half-way back  
Where the wind piled the snow and blocked the track.  
The horses were willing, both faithful and kind,  
But not to go through there had made up their minds.  
The driver he coaxed them and called them by name,  
And in the excitement, on them laid all blame.  
He hollered and hooted as if they were deaf.  
When finally he roared, "Up! Get onto your feet!"  
They made one more effort and they went on their way  
While the boys they endeavored to balance the sleigh.  
They soon come where some of their party did dwell.  
Three there took their leave and were satisfied well.  
The rest they proceeded their journey to go,  
As swift as they could through the fast falling snow.  
Some sat there contented, what else could they do  
Some were in doubt if they'd get safely through.  
When without any warning, over they went!  
And into a snow-drift were all quickly sent.  
They arose again lively and lost no time I've been told,  
Partly benumbed and exposed to the cold.  
They straightened the bob-sleigh and got in again well,  
And landed home safely, I'm happy to tell.  
Don't judge them harshly for you were once young,  
And nothing like those ten, if not full of fun;  
For I was one of that party. I'm alive and well yet,  
But that ball down in Delavan I'll never forget.

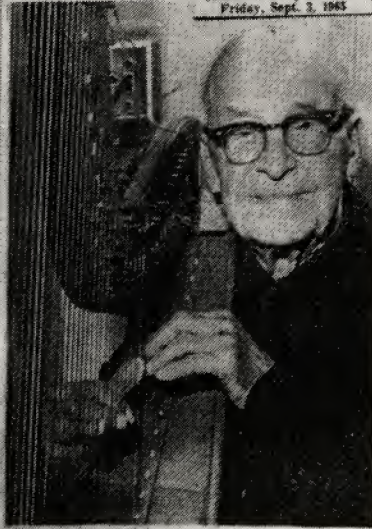
Written between 1876 and 1921 by Sarah Fanning.



# Directory

## George Hatch Dies at 91; Dean of Dance Teachers

Janesville Daily Gazette  
Friday, Sept. 3, 1965



GEORGE HATCH WITH HARP

George L. Hatch, 91, dean of dancing masters, who also was widely known as an early day orchestra leader, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday in his home, 120 Jefferson Ave. He had been ill several months.

A Janesville resident for 70 years, Mr. Hatch joined the popular Johnny Smith Orchestra in 1920, the group playing for top social events in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. Although he began his musical career playing a guitar it was as a harpist that he became widely known.

In 1912 he organized his own orchestra and began teaching ball room dancing, assisted by his wife. He conducted classes and sponsored dances for high

school students as well as adults. At the National Dance Masters convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912 Mr. Hatch was one of the teachers who set the tempo for the tango to the tune of "Too Much Mustard." He was an honorary life member of National Association of Dancing Masters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatch took over a dancing academy in Cincinnati in 1922 which they headed for 15 years. After the death of Mrs. Hatch Nov. 18, 1964, he taught dancing intermittently.

His teaching career ranged from the waltz and two step, the pre-World War I dances, the Castle Walk, Turkey Trot and

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He was born in Elkhorn Jan. 25, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hatch. He married Anna L. Welch, Oct. 12, 1898, in Elkhorn.

Surviving are a cousin, Arthur Hatch, San Francisco, Calif. Two sisters, Jennie and Beale, predeceased him.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Overton Funeral Home, the Rev. H. C. Kimmel, retired Congregational minister, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening from 7 to 9.

## George Hatch Dies at Age 91

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Maxine to the rhumba in the 1934 vogue.

A Mason since 1906 he affiliated with Lodge No. 55, Eastern Star Chapter No. 66; Knights Templar, Commandery No. 2; Fort Shrine, Madison Cemetery and Royal Order of Jeeters, Madison Court.

Mr. Hatch played many times in Johnstown's hotels, in fact, we were almost considered the dance hall of S. E. Wis.

ARNOLD GEORGE — Farmer, now retired - b. Dec. 8, 1902, Bradford twp. Rock Co. — Father b. Charleston N.Y. — Mother b. rural area around Janesville, Wis. — George has a rural grade school education and two years of high school; in Johnstown since 1905. Member of: Farm Bureau since 1918; 4-H since it started, (In 1915 he showed in the first calf club); Shorthorn Duroc Association, has worked in many livestock groups and showed cattle since 1915; Insurance Co. since 1937 - Wife.

May Godfrey, d. April 2, 1962, Milton Lawn Cemetery, Janesville Wis. - ch. John G. b. Nov. 11, 1930, wife Jeanette; Eva Mae, b. April 3, 1936 - George married again. His second wife is Mae Nitzke Arnold, well known for her fine watercoloring paintings.

BAHL GLEN CHARLES — b. July 10, 1917, Eagle, Wis. — Glen has a ninth grade education and has been a farm hand, done seed corn grading, foundry work, employed at a meat packing plant, and at present, General Motors Auto Assembly Plant in Janesville, Wis. From Aug. 23, 1943 until Jan 26, 1946, he was P.F.C.1 in the Army, Anti-Aircraft guns. Lived 1½ years Emerald Grove, ½ year Waukesha, 3 years Madison, 3 years Emerald Grove, 2 years Johnstown Center, 3 years LaPrairie twp., Johnstown today. Belongs to Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church. Wife Helen, b. Bradford twp., May 5, 1921 - ch. Beverly (Mrs. Robert Patt) b. May 17, 1944; Barbara (Mrs. Gerald Muetzel) b. Jan 5, 1948.

CLARK MRS. SYLVIA STORMS — b. Mohawk, N.Y. July 20, 1841, a dau. of Caroline Betts Storms of Hemelhempstead, England and ——— Storms of Holland. Mr. Storms came to Wis. Territory in 1843 or 44 and had a tailor shop on County Trunk "A" around the corner from the Johnstown Cemetery. Sylvia's husband, Benejah Clark, served as a corporal in the Civil War going with a company from Milton. 6 ch. in all; 3 died, 3 lived: Will, b. 1869 d. 1940; Mattie Bell b. 1871 d. 1967; and John Daniel b. 1881 d. 1957. Benejah, Sylvia, John Daniel, and John's wife, Maud Rosencrans are all buried in the Johnstown Cemetery. Will is buried in Beaver Dam and Mattie Bell is buried with her husband, Don Clair Worthington, in Hillside Cemetery, Whitewater, Wis.



Tom Corcoran house



Johnstown Center today

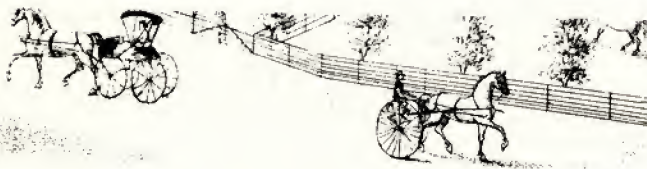
CORCORAN THOMAS — Salesman and Welding Inspector - b. April 16, 1913, Chicago, Ill. His father was from Sycamore Ill. and his mother, from Janesville, Wis. Tom has a high school education, living in Chicago, Ill. 34 years before coming to Johnstown in 1947. Chairman, Johnstown school board for 7 years. - Wife Muriel b. Burlington Iowa Aug. 28, 1917. ch. Dennis b. 1/10/42, wife's name Carol; and Karen (Mrs. Orrel Braodbent) b. 7/28/42.



DOOLEY JOHN B. — Road construction and farm work-b. Sept. 6, 1924, Janesville, Wis. - fifth grade education - Lived Richmond, Wis. 10 years before coming to Johnstown where he has lived 11 years. Wife, Leota M. Mitchell b. March 10, 1925. Mrs. Dooley has two children by her first marriage; Gary Mitchell, b. 7/2/45 and Spencer Mitchell, b. 2/29/48. Her third son is Michael Dooley, b. 8/18/52.



*Home of Mr. and Mrs. Dooley*



EDWARDS GORDON ROY — Farmer b. May 19, 1929, Curtis Wis. Both parents also from Wis. - Curtis, Wis. 12 years; Harvard, Ill. 1½ years; Chicago Ill. 4 years; Elkhorn, Wis. 2½ years; Delavan, Wis. 8 years; Whitewater, Wis. 12 years. Member of Lutheran church. - Wife, Marjorie Ann Scharine, b. May 29, 1931 in Johnstown Twp. ch. Steven Richard 4/3/55; Daniel Gordon 2/13/57; Glen Allen 11/5/59; and Jo Ann 3/28/68.

HAACK WILLIAM E. — Secretary b. Oct. 1, 1911. Father from West Germany b. Sept. 22, 1881-High school education, secretary in Beryn, Oak Park, and Cicero, Ill., Chicago, Ill., Delavan, Wis. and Delavan Lake. Has been Notary Public-Member, Methodist Presbyterian churches Wife, Julie Mariene Parker, b. Furnessville, Ind. Jan. 25, 1912. -ch. William Lawrence Haack, 1/1/37, married to Helen Baker; Wilhelmina Ann Haack, 12/3/60.

HILL REV. CARROLL L. — b. Jan. 14, 1902, North Loup, Neb. Went to North Loup High School, B.A. from Milton College in 1925, B.D. from Yale in 1930, Honorary D.D. from Alfred University, Alfred N.Y. in 1948. Has been minister, college president, and Ex. Sec. to Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc., retired in March 1968. 18 years in North Loup, Neb. 2 years, Welton Iowa; 3 years, Farina Ill.; 1 year, Dakota, Ill.; 2 years, Waterford, Conn.; 3 years, Ashaway, R.I.; 19 years, Milton, Wis. 1½ years, Beloit; Waukesha, 5 years; Johnstown 12 years. Member of Rotary Club, Masonic Fraternity (Order) A.A.R.P. Wife, Harriet E. Belland, b. March 16, 1904, Chicago, Ill. ch. Clayde Robert Hill, b. 1/29/28; Dorothy Jane (Mrs. Richard McNall) b. 7/2/30; Jean Clark (Mrs. Phillip Hahn) b. 3/10/32.



*Donald R. Hunt and wife, Annabelle Irene (Wade) Hunt.*

HUNT DONALD R. — Farmer, Sec 24. - b. Lima Twp., Rock Co., 5/25/04, son of Agnes Johnson Hunt, b. 4/14/1876, Johnstown Twp.- Lived in Lima until marriage to Annabelle Irene Wade, b. 5/10/10, Richmond, Walworth Co. - Lived Richmond 1 year, then to Sec. 24, Johnstown.- ch. William Charles, b. 39, married to Judith Root; Roger Donald, b. 41, married to Jean Ousely; Donna Diane (Mrs. Robert Hepfinger) b. 43; Martha Jean (Mrs. Herman Karhoff), b. 45; Myrta Susane, (Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald), b. 47.-Member Richmond Methodist Church.

JOHNSON MARIE HALL — b. Johnstown Center, 4/17/02, Parents also born Johnstown Center. - Farmer's wife, works at Parker Pen Co. Janesville, Wis. - Spent 20 years Johnstown Center before moving into Janesville for 2 years. Now living in Richmond, Wis. - Treasurer of Richmond Methodist W.S.C.S.- ch. William, b. 10/24/25, wife's name Jeannine; Norma, b. 9/15/31, (Mrs. Leroy Redenius); Carter, b. 11/28/33, wife's name Jeannette.

KARLEN ADOLPH - Farmer. b. 6/21/11, Bern, Switzerland. - His father, b. 11/8/1885, Bern Switzerland; His mother b. 2/6/1886, Bern, Switzerland. - Education, 1 year high school. - Lived Switzerland, 3 years; Alliance, Ohio, 1 year; Johnstown Twp. 55 years. - Member of PMA, AMPI - He has been Sec. of the school board; trustee of his church, 24 years.

KARLEN ARMINE F. - Farmer. - b. 3/18/19, Johnstown, his father and mother being from Bern, Switzerland. - He has a high school education and has lived in Johnstown all his life. - Member of Lutheran church.

LAMB ROBERT HADDEN — Farmer, Grain Buyer, now semi-retired, b. 12/24/1896, Johnstown Twp. a son of Robert Wallace Lamb and Anna Hadden Lamb. - Robert attended Milton College Academy and University Wisconsin. — Lived Johnstown 33 years, Milwaukee 28 years, and then back to Johnstown -Member Rock Co. Farm Bureau since its orgin, United Presbyterian Church. - Wife, Arlene Borden Lamb, b. 2/27/1895.

LAWRENCE RALPH — Dairy farmer. b. 12/9/22, Richmond, Walworth Co., Wis. Father b. Michigan, 5/5/1884- Mother b. Lake Geneva, Wis., 5/18/1888.--High school education in Richmond Twp. where he lived for 25 years. Lima Twp. 3 years, then to Johnstown 20 years. -Member A.M.P.I. (former PMA); Bqdgeland Co-op Board; North Lima Presbyterian Church (Clerk of the Session); Lima-Johnstown Insurance Board; Lima 4-H club; Chairman Johnstown Town Board at the present time.- Wife, Betty, b. 10/30/22 Town of Lima, Rock Co., Wis. - ch. Donald D., b. 2/12/51 James R., b. 7/16/55.

LONGMAN LESLIE C. — Farmer, General Motors Plant of Janesville, Wis., now retired. -b. 3/24/09, Sharon Twp. Walworth Co. Wis. --Father b. 6/17/1862, Camplake, Kenosha, Co., Wis.- Mother b. 10/17/1866, Woodstock, Ill.-Les has high school education, lived in Johnstown 34 years. -Member of: Loyal Order of the Moose, Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church.- Wife, Beulah E., b. 9/1/16, Janesville, Wis. -ch. Lin (Mrs. Gary Howard) b. 6/12/41; David, b. 3/31/47, married to Barbara Wade.





*Mr. and Mrs. Ken Newton, daughter, Sue, and son, Dan.*

LOWELL ALBERT S. — Comptroller. b. New Madison, Ohio, 12/3/14. Father b. Ft. Atkinson, Wis 8/9/ 1881 - Mother b. 10/1888, New Madison, Ohio. - Six year college education.- Lived, Milton, Wis. 21 years, Janesville, Wis. 3 years, Johnstown 3 years.-Served in Air Forec 4½ years, M/Sgt. -Member Elks Club, Episcopal Church. - Wife, Pamela E., b. 10/15/24, London England.

MAHWINNEY GILBERT — Farmer - b. 9/10/40, Johnstown Twp. - Lived on Scharine Rd. for 31 years. - High School graduate. - Member. National Guard 1959-1965, Faith United Methodist of Milton Junction. - ch. Kristin, b. 7/29/66; and Robert, b. 12/14/69.

MANOGUE EMMETT — b. 1/16/15 Johnstown Twp. - Wife, Geraldine, b. 3/4/19, Johnstown Twp. (Her father came from Roscommon Co. Ireland, Her mother from Richmond, Wis.)- Members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milton, Wis. - ch. Mary Agnes, b. 11/7/47; Elizabeth Ellen, b. 2/3/51; Michael E, b. 9/23/52; John P., b. 2/19/57.

MANSUR RUTH E. — Nurse and Homemaker - b. 3/13/06, Beloit, Wis. - Father b. 4/9/1875, Caledonia, Ill. - Mother b. 5/21/1873, Spring Green, Wis. - Ruth has high school education, three years nurses training. - Beloit 1 year, Black River Falls 2 years, Afton 3 years, Milton 17 years, Johnstown 41 years - Beginning Sept. 1, 1970, she will be dormitory mother and Sec. to the Dean of Students, Campus Nurse at Clearwater, Fla. Christian College - Husband, Ross Mansur, d. 8/3/1965, buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. - ch. Kathryn Etta, b. 9/12/30, Mrs. Lloyd Schroeder; and Robert Walter, b. 4/7/34, married to Jean Ellen Addie.

McLAY DAVID JAMES — Farmer, Sec. 30. b. 3/26/1859, Rock Prairie Farm, the son of John McLay, b. 1819, d. 1887, a native of Stirlingshire Scotland; and Jane Zuill McLay, b. 1822, d. 1901--David was educated in the local schools and Milton College. As a farmer he specialized in wheat, Clydesdale horses, and Shorthorn cattle. He lived his entire life on the farm in Johnstown and passed away 4/1/35 at 76 years of age. Buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. Wife, Catherine Helen Barlass, b. 8/16/1862, d. 8/24/46. Buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. -ch. Helen Christina, b. 11/27/1888; Florence Jane, b. 8/29/1890; Christina Menzies McLay, b. 11/5/1897; Isabel Zuill McLay, b. 11/12/1898; Marion Barlass McLay, b. 9/10/01.

McLAY ERCHAL AUGUSTA CREEL — b. 12/26/1896, Chagris, Oklahoma, the dau. of Richard Jeremiah Creel of Okla. and Minnie Ola Newman of Cornish, Okla. - Her father was a merchant and lived his entire life in Okla. They are buried in the Dixie Cemetery, Okla. - Their ch. are : Erchal Creel (Mrs. John McLay), Otis Cree! Lela Creel (Mrs. Glen Hartman)

MERRIAM WM. REVILO — b. 9/28/1894, Delavan Lake, Wis., the son of John Revilo, b. 5/11/1853, Lake Geneva Wis.; and Harriet Fuller, b. Lake Geneva, Wis., 9/11/1860-- High school, Wisconsin Rapids 1913; Iowa State College, B.S. in Agric.; Army 1 yr., officers training, Louisville, Ky. World War 1. - Member of Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary -Chairman State A.S.C.; State Assemblyman, 8 years.- Presbyterian -Wife, Bernice Stewart of Bringham, Iowa.-ch. Donald Stewart; Margaret Jean Merriam Schoening.

MORTON ROBERT — b. 11/30/1839, Fifeshire, Scotland. His father, John, and his mother, Jane Barclay Morton were also born in Scotland. - In the winter of 1856-57 he attended school in Peoria, N.Y. and then came out to Johnstown. Farm purchased 1870, Breeder of Clydesdale horses and Polled Angus cattle. - d. 2/26/1903, buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. - Wife, Isabel Gentle, b. 5/1845, Kinroshire, Scotland; d. 6/26/03, Johnstown Center Cemetery. - ch. John, Jane, Agnes, Ella.

MORSE PLINY H. — b. 9/4/1888, Johnstown Center, the son of Martin H. Morse, b. 10/16/18----, and Mary Jane Hall, b. 9/8/----. Graduate of Janesville High school 1907 and became a plumber and farmer. Moved to Janesville 1890. Came back to Johnstown 1908. - President, Johnstown Center Cemetery 9 years. - Member Presbyterian Church. - d. 6/3/44, buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. - Wife, Minnie Froh. - ch. Helen, b. 11/2/11, d. 12/5/11; Raymond, b. 4/24/13, married to Winifred Winslow; George, b. 3/19/15, married Marion August; Donald, b. 3/23/17, married Eleanor Storck; Ivan, b. 5/1/21, married Marion Wolske.

MYERS MRS. LEROY M. — (nee Florence Borst) b. 2/22/01, Johnstown, a dau. of William, b. 9/20/1871, Richmond, Wis. and Clara Borst, b. 1/30/1878, Rock Co., Wis. - Mrs. Myers was born in the old hotel building in Johnstown and a few weeks later the family moved into an old house across from the creamery. Married Leroy Meyers, a sales representative with the Florence Stove Co. until 1940. Until 1945 with the Federal govt. 1945 to 57 Monarch Range Co., retired 1957. Florence has been secretary to Industrial Comm. of Wis., Administrative Asst. 2nd Industrial Comm. of Wis. - Lived Madison, Wis. Since 1948 Columbus, Ohio. - Member of Methodist church, North Broadway; Clintonville Women's Club.



*Home of Wm. and Clara Borst, Old Johnstown.*

PETERSON HALBERT EUGENE Blacksmith-b. 9/24/1893, Aberdeen, S. Dakota, the son of Andrew P. Peterson, b. 11/26/1858, Racine Co., Wis. and Isabelle Christine Johnson, b. 12/5/1860, Holden Township, near Skien, Norway. - Hal has 8th grade education plus schooling received while he was a wagoner with the Hgr. 64th Infantry Brigade, World War 1. He has been a salesman, mechanic, welder, blacksmith and spent his entire



life in Old Johnstown except for three years as a baby. Served as Deputy Sheriff, on school board.—Member Lutheran Church—d. 7/26/1963 at the Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee. Buried Johnstown Center Cemetery.—Wife, Florence Snyder, b. 10/4/03, Whitewater, Wis. Has been town treasurer for many years.—ch. Thane Ivan Peterson, b. 12/6/24, Walworth Co. Wis., Wife, Francis Westendorf, b. 5/25/27. Thane served 3 years in U.S. Navy, has four children.

RICE CLARENCE G. - Specialist, Plumbing & Heating at present, retired. - b. 5/28/12, Ely, Minn. - His father was born in Iowa, 12/12/1880 and his mother in Rice, Minn., 7/2/1886. - Clarence attended Bemidji, Minn. High school and Sears Technical School. - Lived Duluth, Rochester, Eau Claire, Wausau, Duluth, Waukesha, Janesville, and in Johnstown 23 years. - member of Sears 1932- 1963, Elk's Club of Janesville, Wis., St. Patrick's Church, Whitewater. - Wife, Mae L. (Jeannette) Rice, B. 7/28/1910, Duluth, Minn. - ch. James C. Rice, 8/20/39, Eau Claire, d. 4/29/66, Whitewater, Wis., married to Bonnie Bishop. ch. Dan, Todd.

SCHARINE ALBERT — Farmer b. 5/16/1897, Lima Twp. Rock Co. Wis. Father from Germany, mother from Richmond Twp. b. 8/2/1870 - Albert has 8th grade education, Lived in Lima until 1903, then to Johnstown. - Member Farm Bureau, Christus Lutheran Church, Richmond, Wis. - Has been town assessor, served on school board - Wife Charlotte Lemke of Lima Twp., b. 5/14/10.- ch. Charles. b. 1/20/35, married to Shirley Ellsworth; Guenivve, b. 11/23/33, Mrs. Jack Willegal; and Eleanor, 10/20/44 Mrs. Jim Meske.

SCHARINE CHARLES F. — Farmer, Equipment Dealer - b. 1/20/35, son of Albert Scharine. - Attended Plainview school, Johnstown; Whitewater High school; Shortcourse at Uni. of Wis., Madison. - Member ARNG since 1953, National Guard with Rank of Major; President of the congregation of Christus Ev. Lutheran Church of Richmond, Wis. - Wife, Shirley Ellsworth, b. 5/25/35 Walworth Co., Wis. - ch. April Ann, b. 8/13/57; Shelby Lou, b. 10/20/58; Therese Marbeth, b. 3/3/61; Blake Charles, b. 4/19/64; Jason Edward, b. 12/31/69; and Marcus Albert, b. 5/7/70.

SCHARINE WALTER — Farmer. - b. 11/23/04, Johnstown Twp. where he has lived his entire life. - Father from Sonnenborn, Germany, b. 2/13/1872 - Mother from Richmond Twp. Walworth Co., Wis. - Member, Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church. - Wife, Margaret, b. Harmony Twp. Rock Co. Wis., 11/3/06. - ch. Marjorie Ann, Mrs. Gordon Roy Edwards, b. 5/29/31; and Richard G., b. 8/5/38, married to Marilyn Irene Hunt.

SCHMALING NORA — Housewife and saleslady. b. 3/24/07, Walworth Co., Wis. - Mother from Whitewater, Father born Ft. Atkinson. - Nora has high school education and year of rural teachers training. - Member of Christus Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, Wis. - Husband d. 5/16/63, buried Johnstown Center Cemetery. - ch. Yvonne, Mrs. David Martin, b. 4/24/39; and David, married to Kay Mansur, b. 8/18/46.

VENABLE ROBERT R. — Farmer, Sec. 31-32. - b. 11/30/24 at Leeton Mo. - Father b. 9/19/1890, Leeton Mo. - Mother b. 6/15/1894, Dekalb, Ill. - Bob lived Leeton, Mo. 2 years; Hampshift, Ill. ? years; Kirkland, Ill. 4 years; Cherry Valley, Ill. 6 years; Capoon, Ill. 8 years; Beloit, Wis. 12 years; Janesville, Wis. 12 years. - Has been director on 2 school boards, Supervisor of Johnstown Town Board. At present is serving on Milton school board. - Member Rock Prairie Presbyterian church. - Wife - Virgie I. Kapperman of Cerman Valley, Ill. b. 10/24/28. ch. Susan, Mrs. Robert Merriam, b. 11/21/49; Mary, b. 3/17/51; Thomas, b. 5/20/53; Elizabeth, b. 7/23/55; Robert, b. 11/10/63.

WEBER DARREL — Farmer. Auctioneer. b. Weber farm 11/11/39 Father b. 1/24/05, Weber farm. - Mother 1/2/11. Johnstown Twp. - Darrel graduated from the local grade school, high school and went to Auction school, returned to Johnstown where he has lived ever since. - Member, Milton Grange, St. John's Ev. Church. - Wife, Patsy Ann Kaltenbach of Freeport, Ill, b. 4/24/45.

WEHLER FREDERICK CHARLES — Farmer b. 6/3/25 on the farm in Johnstown, a son of George Frederick Wehler b. 2/20/1886, d. 6/13/64, and Martha Mohns Sowles (widow of Dan Sowles) b. 6/28/1889, d. 1/29/57. - Fred has spent his entire lifetime on the farm in Johnstown, has 8th grade education in the one room Wehler school. - Member Farm Bureau, President Dist. 16 Tax Reform Ass., Assessor town of Johnstown. Wife, Helen Baum, b. 8/26/28, Milwaukee, Wis. -ch. Caroline, b. 3/2/51; Steven, b. 12/4/52; Susan Florence, b. 3/12/54; Tina Delores, b. 3/28/56; Timothy, b. 5/8/59; and Neil Quinton, b. 9/12/65.

WHITE ROBERT F. — b. 3/15/01, Johnstown Twp. a son of Peter White, b. 11/6/1864, New York City and Susan White, b. 11/15/1875, Harmony Twp. Rock Co. Wis. - Has been farmer, Milk hauler and truck driver before his retirement. He lived in Johnstown Center for 69 years. - Member St. Mary's Catholic Church, Janesville, Wis. - Wife, Amanda Schmaling, b. 4/27/06 in Johnstown Twp. a dau. of Herman Schmaling born in Germany and Rose Herbert, born in Koskonong, Wis.- ch. Ella Mae, b. 1/2/34, Mrs. Gordon Jacobson; and Harold R. White, b. 1/30/38, married to Beverly Hoffman.

WICKINGSON HARLEY L. - Farmer. - b. 4/22/06, LaGrange, Wis. son of Herbert Wickingson, b. LaGrange, Wis. and Emma Wolf Wickingson, b. LaGrange, Wis. - He received an 8th grade education at LaGrange, Shady Lawn. - Lived LaGrange & Johnstown. Member of PMP, St. Mathews Lutheran Church. - Wife, Margaret Hanch, b. 5/4/13, Milwaukee, Wis. - ch. David, 4/9/37; Roger, 6/2/39, married to Madonna Kamenick; Jeanne, b. 5/2/41, married to David Ludeman; Karl, b. 9/26/43.

WICKINGSON ROGER D. — b. Whitewater, Wis. 6/2/38 - Father b. Phillips, Wis. - Mother b. La Grange, Wis. - Roger went to Plainview school, Johnstown, and Whitewater High School. - He has worked in a factory, at farming. - Member of U.S. Navy as seaman July 1955 until Aug. 1959. - Wife, Madonna Kamenick, b. 1/11/40, Marathon, Wis. - Member St. Patrick's Church, Whitewater, Wis. - ch. Steven 4/23/59; Tony, b. 6/5/60; Joe, b. 12/24/61; and Paul, b. 9/30/65.



Errors in Vol. 1

- p. 3 - 289C Barns for the Johnstown Center House.
- p. 22 - The house pictured is not the McKillips house. The McKillips house will be found pictured in the Arnold-Godfrey article, Vol. 2.
- p. 42 - You will find these family members identified in the Schmaling - White story in Vol. II.
- p. 46 - Wrong middle initial for George Chandler.
- p. 69 - Dr. Dyke did *not* live in the Peterson house.
- p. 92 - Andrew and Isabelle (Johnson) Peterson had three children.
- p. 96 - Anna married Tom Jones and moved to California where Tom died. She then married a Carr from Calif.
- p. 104 - Front row, class of Ruth Frodl - Ferdinand Wellnitz, Ralph Kauffmann, Frank Wellnitz, Donald Decker, Harold Moffett, Billy Kauffmann.
- p. 130 - Presidents never signed land grants, as there were too many. Secretaries signed them: John Tyler by —

We know there will be mistakes in Volume 2 also. Please let us know where you find an error.





#### THESE STONES . . .

Slipped through glacier's icy fingers,  
Lay imprisoned in the land,  
Freed at last for useful service,  
By an unremembered hand.  
Stand today a living symbol,  
Warmth of love and heart of home,  
Stepping stones from past to present,  
Faith for countless years to come.

Mae Arnold

This fireplace can be found in the home of the Virgil Schoonover family, built upon the site of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's birthplace. The stones came from the smoke house of John Fletcher, earliest pioneer, the man you remember who helped to name our township when it was officially organized way back in 1843.

When we try to say thank you, we've so many folks to say thank you to, we don't know how to begin. There are the governmental services, such as the Rock Co. Historical Society, the Milton Historical Society, the School Coordinator's Office and the individual school districts, past and present, the Rock Co. Court House, the libraries. There are farther away places; The National Archives and Records Service, the State Historical Society and others. We also acknowledge a debt to the authors of earlier published works, too numerous to list, and especially to our local newspapers whose past issues are filled with history and present day issues gave us needed news coverage so that you were aware of our project and its activities. In particular

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